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TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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EDITION

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GENERAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Town of Hopedale – Incorporated April 7, 1886

POPULATION:	5,558
REGISTERED VOTERS:	3,773
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:	Third Tuesday in May
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION:	Second Tuesday in May
AREA:	5.12 square Miles

Editor's Notes:
Thank you to the officials who submitted reports for this edition.
The Town website can be viewed at:
www.hopedale-ma.gov

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

GENERAL OFFICE:	Area Code (508)
Town Hall	**634-2203** (MAIN NO.)
78 Hopedale Street	
Board of Selectmen	Ext. 210
Town Coordinator	Ext. 213
Board of Assessors	Ext. 224
Town Accountant	Ext. 219
Town Clerk	Ext. 215
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	Ext. 218
Water/Sewer Department	Ext. 212
BANCROFT LIBRARY	634-2209
COUNCIL ON AGING	634-2208
FIRE DEPARTMENT	473-1050
Fire/Medical Emergency	911
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	634-2203
7 Depot Street	Ext. 221
POLICE DEPARTMENT	624-2227
Police Emergency	911
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	478-2080
Off Greene Street	
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	634-2210
154 Mendon Street	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:	
Memorial School – 54 Adin Street	634-2214
Junior/Senior High School – 25 Adin Street	
Superintendent's Office	634-2220
Principal's Office	634-2217
Guidance Office	634-2221
Pupil Personnel Services	634-2240

Federal and State Officials
Town of Hopedale

U. S. SENATOR		**Senator Elizabeth Warren**
		317 Hart Senate Office Building
		Washington D.C. 20510
	District Office	2400 JFK Federal Building
		15 New Sudbury Street
		Boston, MA 02203
		(617) 565-3170
	E-mail	http://www.warren.senate.gov/?p=email_senator
U.S. SENATOR		**Senator Edward J. Markey**
		255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
		Washington, D.C. 20510
	District Office	975 JFK Federal Building
		15 New Sudbury Street
		Boston, MA 02203
		(617) 565-8519
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Fourth Congressional District		306 Cannon House Office Building
		Washington, D.C. 20515
	District Office	8 North Main Street, Suite 200
		Attleboro, MA 02703
		(508) 431-1110
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GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH		**Charles D. Baker**
		State House
		Boston, MA 02133
		(617) 725-4005
	E-mail	www.mass.gov
SENATOR MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE		**Ryan C. Fattman**
Worcester & Norfolk District		State House, Room 520
		Boston, MA 02133
		(617) 722-1944
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10th Worcester District		State House, Room 136
		Boston, MA 02133
		(617) 722-2396
	E-mail	john.fernandes@mahouse.gov

Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts
Elected Officials - 2015

Blackstone Valley School Committee	Mitchell Intinarelli	13 Driftway	2018
Board of Health	Edward A. Holland	121 Jones Road	2016
	Walter R. Swift	21 Anthony Road	2017
	Louis J. Arcudi, III	4 Whitney Road	2018
Housing Authority	Patricia C. Johnson	106 Hopedale Street #33	2016
	Nancilee Fuller	112 Hopedale Street #23	2017
	State Appointee (vacant)		2018
	Barbara S. Oman	49 Laurelwood Drive	2019
	Jason G. MacDonald	194 Hopedale Stret	2020
Library Trustee	Frederick G. Oldfield, III	30 Freedom Street	2016
	Nancy K. Verdolino	22 Anthony Road	2017
	Katherine M. Wright	15 Greene Street	2018
Moderator	Francis J. Larkin	36 Adin Street	2018
Park Commission	Daniel R. Iacovelli	27 Progress Street	2016
	Robert E. Jackson	35 Hammond Road	2017
	Donald W. Howes	28 Prospect Street	2018
Planning Board	Edward F. Small (deceased*)	20 Oakwood Avenue	2016
	Brandt E. Wajda (appointed #)	360 South Main Street	2016
	Steven J. Gallagher	199 South Main Street	2017
	Michael J. Iacovelli, Jr.	26 Bancroft Park	2018
	Brian R. Keyes	5 Plain Street	2019
	Kathleen A. Ledoux	119 Green Street	2020
Road Commission	George T. Lovewell	13 Overdale Parkway	2016
	John E. Farrar, Jr.	180 Dutcher Street	2017
	Eli J. Potty	27 Dana Park	2018
School Committee	Lisa M. Alberto	70 Adin Street	2016
	Sandra E. Slattery Biagetti	139 Dutcher Street	2016
	Craig J. Adams	21 Larkin Lane	2017
	Grace G. Pool	4 Heron Lane	2018
	Lori L. Hampsch	22 Rockridge Road	2018
Selectmen	Janet Orff Jacaruso (deceased**)	120 Mill Street	2015
	Sandra E. Salttery Biagetti	139 Dutcher Street	2016
	Robert P. Burns	101 Mill Street	2017
	Thomas A. Wesley	190 Dutcher Street	2018
Town Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso (deceased**)	120 Mill Street	2016
	James G. Mullen, Jr. Interim (appointed ##)		
Tree Warden	Walter R. Swift	21 Anthony Road	2017
Water & Sewer Commission	Christine H. Burke	8 Mendon Street	2016
	James M. Morin	33 Harmony Street	2017
	Robert P. Burns	101 Mill Street	2018

*deceased September 17, 2014
**deceased April 4, 2015
appointed July 20, 2015
appointed March 31, 2015

Appointed Officials FY2015

Committee/Board/Official	*Name*	*Term Expires*
ADA Coordinator	Steven A. Sette	2016
Animal Inspector - State Appointment	Leonard Izzo	2016
Board of Assessors	Donald Howes	2016
	Edward A. Holland, Jr.	2017
	Lisa Alberto	2018
Board of Registrars	Joseph P. Drugan	2016
	Tara Taglianetti-Chambers	2017
	Josephine Yanovitch	2018
Board of Registrars, Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso (deceased)	
	James G. Mullen, Jr. Interim	
Building Commissioner & Zoning Enforcement Officer	Robert Speroni	2016
Local Building Inspector	Timothy Aicardi	2016
Capital Program Committee	Colleen Strapponi	2016
	Vacant (4)	
Cemetery Committee	Vacant (3)	
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning	Thomas A. Wesley	2016
	Steven A. Sette, Alternate	2016
Conservation Commission	Vanessa C. Calabrese	2016
	Will P. Roper	2018
	Sandra M. Tetreault	2018
	Vacant (2)	
Constables	John Gagnon	2017
	Joseph Conlon	2017
	Francis McVeigh	2017
	Donald Martin	2017
	Mark Giovanella	2017
Council on Aging	Nancilee Fuller	2016
	Edward A. Holland	2016
	Patricia Johnson	2016
	Audrey Frazier	2017
	Daniel Malloy	2017
	Rebecca Wild-Wesley	2017
Cultural Council (State Appointees)	Paula Galligan	2016
	Melissa Martin-LaVache	2017
	Wilma Manning	2018
	Ellen Murphy	2018
	Bridget Pardee	2018
	Vacant (5)	

Appointed Officials FY2015

Committee/Board/Official	*Name*	*Term Expires*
Disabilities Commission	Vincent J. Arone, Jr.	2016
	Gerard M. Small	2016
	Vacant (3)	
Dog Officer	John Gagnon	2016
Finance Committee	Karla J. Hopkins	2016
	Donald D. Comastra	2017
	Colleen M. Strapponi	2017
	Vacant (6)	
Economic Development & Industrial Commission	Daniel R. Iacovelli	2016
	Robert P. Burns	2016
Emergency Management Director	Thomas A. Daige	2016
Historical Commission	Frederick G. Oldfield, III	2016
	Suzan L. Ciaramicoli	2017
	Kelly J. Merchant	2017
	Raymond E. Andreotti	2017
	Jonathan W. Chase	2017
	Vacant (2)	
Parking Fines Clerk	Donna Lamphere	2016
Personnel Committee	Sheila K. Embree	2016
	Vacant (4)	
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	John Fontana	2016
Plumbing & Gas Inspector, Assistant	Joseph Zacchilli	2016
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Stephanie L'Etalien	2016
Town Accountant	Julie Costello, Interim	2015
Town Administrator	Steven A. Sette	
Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige	2016
Veterans Agent	Patrick D. Morris	2016
Wiring Inspector	Joseph F. Scanzaroli	2016
Wiring Inspector, Assistant	Scott Guyette	2015
Zoning Board of Appeals	Nicholas A. Alexander, Sr.	2016
	Mary T. Arcudi	2017
	Louis J. Arcudi III	2017
	Steven J. Gallagher	2018
	Sandra E. Slattery-Biagetti	2018
Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate	Vacant (2)	

Department Heads FY 2015

Department	*Name*
Assessor, Principal	Teresa M. Gonsalves
Bancroft Memorial Library Director	Ann Fields
Building Commissioner	Robert Speroni
Council on Aging Director	Carole K. Mullen
Fire Chief	Thomas Daige
Health Agent	Leonard A. Izzo, Sr.
Highway Superintendent	Robert DePonte
Police Chief	Mark Giovanella
School Superintendent	Pamela Smith, Interim
Town Accountant	Julie Costello, Interim
Town Administrator	Steven A. Sette
Town Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso (deceased*)
Town Clerk	James G. Mullen, Jr. , Interim
Treasurer	Stephanie L'Etallen
Water & Wastewater Manager	Timothy J. Watson

* deceased April 4, 2015

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

LOCAL ELECTION WARRANT

SS. WORCESTER,

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale,

GREETINGS;

In the name of the Town of Hopedale, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the local election to vote at:

George A. Draper Gymnasium
13 Dutcher Street

on Tuesday, The Twelfth of May ,2015 from 7:A.M. to 8:P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the local election for the candidates for the following offices:

BOARD OF HEALTH.....3 YEARS
HOUSING AUTHORITY.....5 YEARS
HOUSING AUTHORITY.....4 YEARS
LIBRARY TRUSTEE.....3 YEARS
MODERATOR.....3 YEARS
PARK COMMISSIONER.....3 YEARS
PLANNING BOARD.....5 YEARS
PLANNING BOARD.....1 YEAR
ROAD COMMISSIONER.....3 YEARS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.....3 YEARS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.....3 YEARS
SELECTMAN.....3 YEARS
WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER.....3 YEARS

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 6th day of April 2015, Selectmen of Hopedale:

_____Sandra Slattery-Biagetti, Acting Chairwoman

_____Janet Orff Jacaruso, Member

_____Robert P. Burns, Member

A true copy, attest:_____Town Clerk

This notice shall be posted as required by Town bylaws in three places in the Town of Hopedale:

Town Hall, Police Station & Post Office Lobby.

Return of Service:_____ April_____, 2015

Constable

Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts
Annual Town Election Results
May 12, 2015

SELECTMAN	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
*DANIEL R. IACOVELLI	60	
THOMAS A. WESLEY	273	
Others	0	
Blanks	4	

BOARD OF HEALTH	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
*LOUIS J. ARCUDI, III, Candidate for Re-election	264	
Others	2	
Blanks	71	

HOUSING AUTHORITY	Five Year Term	Vote for ONE
*JASON G. MACDONALD, Candidate for Re-election	262	
Others	0	
Blanks	75	

HOUSING AUTHORITY	Four Year Term	Vote for ONE
*BARBARA S. OMAN	255	
Others	0	
Blanks	82	

LIBRARY TRUSTEE	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
*KATHERINE M. WRIGHT, Candidate for Re-election	270	
Others	0	
Blanks	67	

MODERATOR	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
*FRANCIS J. LARKIN, Candidate for Re-election	246	
Others	2	
Blanks	89	

PARK COMMISSIONER	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
*DONALD W. HOWES	231	
Others	28	
Blanks	78	

ROAD COMMISSIONER	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
*ELI J. POTTY, Candidate for Re-election	262	
Others	3	
Blanks	72	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Three Year Term	Vote for Not More Than TWO
*LORI L. HAMPSCH, Candidate for Re-election	258	
*GRACE G. POOL, Candidate for Re-election	237	
Others	2	
Blanks	177	

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
*ROBERT P. BURNS, Candidate for Re-election	231	
Others	9	
Blanks	97	

PLANNING BOARD	Five Year Term	Vote for ONE
*Kathleen A. Ledoux (Write In)	7	
Others	11	
Blanks	319	

PLANNING BOARD	One Year Term	Vote for ONE
Kathleen A. Ledoux (Write In)	5	
Guy R. Crepeau (Write In)	2	
Others	5	
Blanks	325	

* Elected

Statistics May 12, 2015 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

REGESTERED VOTERS	3,719
TOTAL VOTE CAST	337
TIME RECEIVED P. M.	8:15 P.M.
PERCENTAGE	9%

The Interim Town Clerk upon receipt of the returns announced the results at 8:15 P.M. May 12, 2015. At the Annual Town Election held Tuesday May 12, 2015, The Town of Hopedale had the following number of Absentee Ballots.

Applications received	10
Ballots cast	10

Of the total number of absentee ballots cast six were cast in person by the voter in the Town Clerk's office and four were cast by mail.

The Absentee Ballots were delivered to the precinct. The Warden put them through the Ballot Box and they were counted with the ballots cast in the precinct.

The Total number of registered voters eligible to vote in this Town Election were 3,719, The total number of ballots cast was 337 a total of 9% of the eligible voters in the Town of Hopedale

James G. Mullen, Jr.
Interim Town Clerk

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT November 18, 2014
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.
Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School at 25 Adin Street in said Hopedale on Tuesday, November 18th, 2014, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre-7/1/14), or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Commentary: This article will authorize payment of bills that were incurred during the previous fiscal year while the actual billing was received after July 1, 2014, the start of the new fiscal year. Since the account for the prior fiscal year has been closed out, it is necessary to pay the amounts. If approved, from currently available funds. If the vote hereunder is not unanimous, a counted 90% majority will be required for approval.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money from certain accounts to others to adjust the fiscal year 2015 operating budget, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee
Commentary: These items will represent amounts exceeded by budgets in various departments. This article will require a majority vote.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, including insurance proceeds, the sum of $50,000.00 for the costs associated with the cleanup of the Town Hall sewage spill including, but not necessarily limited to, the decontamination, restoration and/or archival storage of the Town's records and other related costs, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Commentary: The Town Hall recently had a sewage blockage and spill that caused some minor damage to some town records that need to be restored. The Town has worked with disaster relief companies and document restoration companies to negotiate a price to complete this work based on our insurance coverage limits. This transfer represents the amount that the Town has received from our insurer. This article will require a majority vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to undertake a procurement in accordance with the requirements of G.L. c. 30B for the lease/purchase of a school bus for a period of five years, the funding for said procurement to be subject to approval by Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee
Commentary: Please be aware that the funding for this procurement is subject to authorization and approval by a future Town Meeting and any award under the procurement at issue will be subject to and contingent upon such authorization and approval. This article will require a majority vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to augment the Ambulance Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Commentary: Together with the vote under Article 13 of the 201-1 Annual Town Meeting, this article will fund the operations of the Ambulance Department completely from offset receipts. Approval of this article will require a majority vote.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money into and/or out of the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee
Commentary: The Town Hall is need of a new heating system. An engineeringfirm has been hired to work along with the Town Hall Committee to design and prepare an RFP for a new gaspowered system that will provide both heat and cooling to the Town Hall. This Article will require a 2/3 majority vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Board of Selectmen for the purposes for which it is currently held to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for wellhead protection and/or water supply purposes the below described parcel of land, currently leased to the Hopedale Country Club and located adjacent to Town-owned land devoted to wellhead protection, so as to increase the wellhead protection area as prescribed by the Department of Environmental Protection Regulations and/or for a proposed new well, if needed; such land described as PARCEL 1 on a plan entitled ..Hopedale Water Well Site Hopedale Country Club, 90 Mill Street, Plan of Land in Hopedale, Mass., Scale: 50 feet to an inch, dated August 13, 2013, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., Milford, MA", or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen
Commentary: The Water Department seeks to add additional land to meet the requirements of Zone 1 wellhead protection regulations and/or possible construction of a new well, if needed. Note that the Board of Selectmen may have to renegotiate the lease with the Hopedale Country Club to exclude the land at issue from said lease. Approval of this article will require a 2/3 majority vote if the land is held for a particular purpose; otherwise, a majority vote will be required.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain and to accept a portion of land (2.43± acres) owned by the Boston Sand and Gravel Company, adjacent to Town-owned land devoted to wellhead protection, upon such terms and conditions as the Board determines are appropriate, for wellhead protection and/or water supply purposes, and further that such land shall be under the care, custody, management and control of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, for the purpose of increasing the wellhead protection area as prescribed by the Department of Environmental Protection Regulations, and/or for a proposed new well, if needed; such land described as PARCEL 2 on a plan entitled ..Hopedale Water Well Site, Hopedale Country Club, 90 Mill Street, Plan of Land in Hopedale, Mass.. Scale 50 feet to an inch, dated August 13, 2013, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., Milford, MA .., and, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for such acquisition; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners and Board of Selectmen
Commentary: The Water Department seeks to acquire additional land to meet the requirements of Zone 1 wellhead protection regulations and/or possible construction of a new well, if needed. Approval of this article will require a 2/3 majority vote if funds are appropriated hereunder for the acquisition, and otherwise a majority vote will be needed.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, and control of all or a portion of the land comprising the Hopedale Wastewater Treatment Plant site, located at 154 Mendon Street and shown on Hopedale Assessors' Map 14 as parcel 146-0, from the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for the purposes for which it is currently held to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for such purposes and also to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of lease to a solar energy electricity production entity for the installation of a solar photovoltaic array on said property, and authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, to enter into such a lease and take all actions necessary in connection therewith; and to authorize the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen to enter into renewable energy purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreements, including solar energy and related net metering credits, for terms of more than three years, and to take all actions necessary to implement and administer such agreements, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners and Board of Selectmen
Commentary: The Water and Sewer Commissioners are looking for approval to lease a portion of Town owned land to erect a solar photovoltaic array, a portion of the energy generated will power the Water Treatment facility. This article will require a 2/3 majority vote if the land at issue is held for a particular purpose, and otherwise a majority vote will be required.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus the total sum of $4,890.04 for the purpose of covering actual Overlay account deficits as follows; FY 1997 $102.59; FY 1998 $173.55; FY 1999 $1,407.83; FY2000 $1,133.07; FY2001 $796.02; and FY 2002 $1,276.98; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors
Commentary: This article proposes a transfer from overlay surplus funds of the amounts required to cover deficits in the overlay account for prior fiscal years required to cover abatements for personal property taxes. Approval of this article will require a majority vote.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for costs related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant soda ash feed system project, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners and Board of Selectmen
Commentary: During and after the work of the now completed project for the soda ash feed system, there was a dispute between the Town and the contractor regarding the quality and extent of the work performed. As a result, payment was not made to the contractor and the contractor made a claim against the Town. This article requests funding for the purpose of making a final payment and completing the close out of the project. If a transfer from stabilization or a borrowing is authorized to fund this article, then a 2/3 majority vote will be required; otherwise, approval of this article requires a majority vote.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of November 2014.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Burns

Janet Orff Jacaruso
Chairman

Sandra Biagetti

A True Copy, ATTEST: Janet Jacaruso
Posted in the Town Hall, Police Station, and Post Office Lobby.

Constable

11/03/14
Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2014 continued to December 1, 2014

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School at 7:00 PM on November 18. The meeting was called under the warrant dated November 3, 2014 which was posted in accordance with town bylaws. At 7:45 a quorum had not been reached. Moderator Larkin called the meeting to order at 7:45PM and entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting to Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00PM in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School. The meeting voted in the affirmative to adjourn the meeting.

On Tuesday morning, November 19, Town Clerk Janet Jacaruso posted notices in the Town Hall entryway, Police Station lobby and Post Office lobby regarding the adjournment to the location, time, and date certain of the future session.

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs again met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 1, 2014. At 7:00PM a quorum had been reached and the meeting was called to order.

The gathering was led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Privileges of the floor were extended to Town Coordinator Stephen Sette, Police Chief Mark Giovanella, Fire Chief Thomas Daige, Treasurer/Collector Stephanie L'Etalien, Town Counsel David Doneski, and School Superintendent Dennis Breen. Moderator Larkin extended congratulations to Coach Joseph Drugan and the Hopedale Cross Country Team for winning their third championship.

Article 1: Board of Selectmen Chairwoman Janet Orff Jacaruso moved that the Town vote to transfer from the FY15 Operating Budget Health and Life Insurance line $629.40, from the Manager Telephone line $157.83 and from the Hopedale Historical Commission Office Supply line $20.02, to pay the following bills from prior fiscal years. (pre-7/1/14)

Doreen Bowen	$ 629.40
Verizon	$ 157.83
Sue Ciaramicoli	$ 20.02

The article was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 2: Finance Committee Chairwoman Karla Hopkins moved that the Town vote to transfer the following sums of money to and from the following accounts to adjust the fiscal year 2015 operating budget:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
Veteran's Salary	$ 3500.00	Veteran's Expense	$ 3500.00

The article was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 3: Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti moved that the Town vote to transfer from insurance proceeds, the sum of $50,000.00 for the costs associated with the cleanup of the Town Hall sewage spill including, but not necessarily limited to, the decontamination, restoration and/or archival storage of the Town's records and other related costs.

The article was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 4: School Committee Chairwoman Grace Pool moved that the Town vote to authorize the School Committee to undertake procurement in accordance with the requirements of G.L. c. 30B for the lease/purchase of a school bus for a period of five years, the funding for said procurement to be subject to approval by a future Town Meeting.

The article was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 5: Selectwoman Sandra Slattery-Biagetti moved that the Town vote to augment the FY 2015 Ambulance Department Budget, using offset receipts, specifically by transferring from Ambulance Receipts Reserved the total sum of $80,000 to increase the following lines by the specified amounts: Salaries $73,500; Expenses $6,500.

The article was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 6: Ms. Hopkins moved that the Town vote to transfer the total sum of $250,000 for the purchase and installation of a new gas powered heating and cooling system for Town Hall, including all costs incidental and related thereto, with $142,299 to be transferred from the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund and $107,701 to be transferred from the General Stabilization Fund.

The article was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.
Town Hall Committee Chair Ed Burt thanked the committee members for their work on this issue. The assembly joined in a moment of silence for committee member Edward Small who passed in September.

Article 7: Water & Sewer Commissioner Dr. James Morin moved that the Town vote to transfer from the Board of Selectmen for the purposes for which it is currently held to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for wellhead protection and/or water supply purposes the below described parcel of land, currently leased to the Hopedale Country Club and located adjacent to Town-owned land devoted to wellhead protection, so as to increase the wellhead protection area as prescribed by the Department of Environmental Protection Regulations and/or for a proposed new well, if needed; such land described as PARCEL 1 on a plan entitled "Hopedale Water Well Site Hopedale Country Club, 90 Mill Street, Plan of Land in Hopedale, Mass., Scale: 50 feet to an inch, dated August 13, 2013, as prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., Milford, MA".

The article was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 8: Dr. Morin moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain and to accept a portion of land (2.43± acres) owned by the Boston Sand and Gravel Company, adjacent to Town-owned land devoted to wellhead protection, upon such terms and conditions as the Board determines are appropriate, for wellhead protection and/or water supply purposes, and further that such land shall be under the care, custody, management and control of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, for the purpose of increasing the wellhead protection area as prescribed by the Department of Environmental Protection Regulations, and/or for a proposed new well, if needed; such land described as PARCEL 2 on a plan entitled "Hopedale Water Well Site, Hopedale Country Club, 90 Mill Street, Plan of Land in Hopedale, Mass., Scale 50 feet to an inch, dated August 13, 2013, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., Milford, MA".

The article was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 9: Dr. Morin moved that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody, and control of all or a portion of the land comprising the Hopedale Wastewater Treatment Plant site, located at 154 Mendon Street and shown on Hopedale Assessors' Map 14 as parcel 146-0, from the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for the purposes for which it is currently held to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for such purposes and also to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of lease to a solar energy electricity production entity for the

installation of a solar photovoltaic array on said property, and authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, to enter into such a lease and take all actions necessary in connection therewith; and to authorize the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen to enter into renewable energy purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreements, including solar energy and related net metering credits, for terms of more than three years, and to take all actions necessary to implement and administer such agreements.

The article was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 10: Selectman Robert Burns moved to pass over this article.

The article was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 11: Dr. Morin moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $125,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for costs related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant soda ash feed system project; and, as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum under the provisions of G.L/c. 44, §§7 or 8, or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds and notes therefor; while such bonds will be general obligation bonds of the Town, it is anticipated that the principal and interest on the borrowing will be repaid from sewer receipts.

The article was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion to dissolve the warrant was heard, seconded and passed by voice vote at 7:33PM.

A true copy, attest: Jane Jacarusso *, Town Clerk*
12/8/2014

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT March 31, 2015
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.
Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School, located at 25 Adin Street in said town, on Tuesday, March 31st, 2015, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to augment the Ambulance Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: The Board of Selectmen
Commentary: Together with the vote under Article 13 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, this article will fund the operations of the Ambulance Department completely from offset receipts. This article will require a majority vote.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $24,000 from the Town Accountant salary line item to the Reserve Fund Account to offset the cost of paying the Interim Town Accountant, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: The Finance Committee
Commentary: The former Town Accountant resigned her position during the fiscal year and the position has been filled using the contracted services of a part time Town Accountant to fulfill the office responsibilities. The position cannot be paid out of the current salary line item as the person is not on the Town payroll. This action will require a majority vote.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $28,000 from the appropriation for Fire Department Floor Painting as voted in Article 3 of the June 24, 2014 Special Town Meeting , to the Reserve Fund Account, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: The Finance Committee
Commentary: The Fire Department recently experienced an IT system failure and needed to have its system completely revised. This emergency expense was paid for from the Town Reserve Fund with the understanding that the Reserve Fund would be replenished in this fashion and that the Fire Department floor painting would be done at a later date. This article will require a majority vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will transfer the sum of $4,000 from Legal Expenses to Liability Insurance to pay for additional insurance costs incurred, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: The Board of Selectmen
Commentary: The Town's liability insurance premium increased after the Annual Town Meeting due to additional items needing coverage that arose after the meeting. This article will require a majority vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will transfer the sum of $2360.50 from Election Salary and Wages to Election Expenses, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The Town Clerk has been out on leave and as a result the Town has hired an Interim Town Clerk to fill hours of operation for the Town Clerk's office.

Given under our hands this 16th day of March 2015.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Burns	Janet Orff Jacaruso	Sandra Biagetti Acting Chairwomen

A True Copy, ATTEST:
Posted in the Town Hall, Police Station, and Post Office Lobby.

Constable	Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
March 31, 2015

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 7:00 PM. At 7:06 PM Moderator Judge Francis P. Larkin declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Moderator Larkin led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Steven Sette, Town Coordinator
Thomas M. Daige, Fire Chief
Mark Giovanella, Police Chief
Lauren F. Goldberg, Town Counsel
Stephanie L'Etalien, Town Treasurer
James G. Mullen, Jr., Interim Town Clerk

Moderator Larkin introduced Town Counsel Lauren F. Goldberg and Interim Town Clerk James G. Mullen, Jr. to the meeting. Both were welcomed with a warm round of applause.

The Moderator explained to the meeting that a vote is needed to confirm the appointment of Mr. Mullen as the Interim Town Clerk

A motion was made and seconded to confirm the appointment of James G. Mullen, Jr., as Interim Town Clerk.

VOTED: The Town Voted to confirm James G. Mullen, Jr. as the Interim Town Clerk

UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Moderator recognized the Hopedale Boys Basketball team for their outstanding season. The team finished the season with a record of 22-3. They were the Dual Valley Conference Champions. The team has also been to three Central Massachusetts Finals and were the 2014 Champions. This year the team received the Frabotta Sales Sportsmanship Award. Coach Anthony Cordani introduced the members of the team to the meeting. The Town Meeting gave the team a warm round of applause.

The Moderator recognized the Hopedale Boys Cross Country team for an outstanding record. In the last ten years the team has won eight Dual Valley Conference Titles and three Division Two State Titles. Their record in the past three years is 42-3. Coach Joseph P. Drugan introduced the members of the team to the meeting. The Town Meeting gave the team a warm round of applause.

Article 1:
Sandra E. Slattery Biagetti, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen made a motion which was seconded that the Town augment the Ambulance Department Budget using offset receipts, specifically by transferring from Ambulance Receipts Reserved the total sum of $98,491.76 to increase the following line items; Salaries $40,000; Expenses $58,491.76.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 2:
Karla J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion which was seconded to transfer the sum of $24,000 from the Town Accountant salary line item to the Reserve Fund Account as an offset of the cost of paying the Interim Town Accountant, and further to authorize the interim Town Accountant salary account to be used for payment for Town Accountant core services for the remainder of the fiscal year.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 3:
Karla J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion which was seconded to transfer the sum of $28,000 from the appropriation for Fire Department Floor Painting as voted in Article 3 of the June 24, 2014 Special Town Meeting, to the Reserve Fund Account.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 4:
Sandra E. Slattery Biagetti, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen made a motion which was seconded to transfer the sum of $4,000 from Legal Expenses to Liability Insurance to pay for additional insurance costs incurred.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 5:
Sandra E. Slattery Biagetti, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen made a motion which was seconded to authorize the existing Election Salary and Wages account to be also used for payment for Interim Town Clerk services for the remainder of the fiscal year.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

The meeting dissolved at 7:45 P.M. March 31, 2015

James G. Mullen, Jr.
Interim Town Clerk

A True Record: Attest

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, May 19th, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.
Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, May 19th, 2015, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Commentary: This article allows the Board of Selectmen and other officers of the town to present a report of their activities to the Town Meeting.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer, and to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for service in fiscal year 2016, or take any other action related thereto.

Town Moderator (1)	$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	$ 5,850
Town Clerk (1)*	$ 45,480
Road Commissioners (3)	$ 1,980
Board of Health (3)	$ 1,665
Park Commissioners (3)	$ 1,440
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	$ 1,980
Tree Warden (1)	$ 900
Planning Board (5)	$ 3,330
Board of Assessors (3)	$ 1,665
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	$ 2,340
Finance Committee (9) appt.	$ 4,140
School Committee (5)	$ 4,950
Conservation Committee (5)	$ 2,340
Library Trustees (3)	$ 1,440

*Town Clerk is paid bi-weekly; all others twice per year

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Commentary: This article will fix the annual compensation for elected and appointed official, while the actual funding takes place in articles to follow.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee:
Commentary: The Stabilization Fund is the Town's "rainy day" fund. Any action taken under this Article, other than a motion to pass over, will require a 2/3rd's majority vote of Town Meeting.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the Towns recycling center to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts received in connection with the collection of recycling and hazardous waste, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed $30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2016, and to carry forward any existing monies in such fund for FY2016; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health
Commentary: This Article will allow the Board of Health to use receipts collected in conjunction with the existing Recycling and Hazardous Waste Collections to fund both operations moving forward during fiscal year 2016 and allow for those unexpended funds to remain in the account at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed $15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2016; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health
Commentary: This Article will allow the Board of Health to use receipts collected in conjunction with the existing Animal Control function to fund operations moving forward during fiscal year 2016 and allow for those unexpended funds to remain in the account at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2015, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission
Commentary: This Article will allow the Conservation Commission to use receipts collected in conjunction with filing fees on expenditures deemed necessary without further appropriation during fiscal year 2016.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of $173,466 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend such sum or any other sum that is or may be provided to the Town in accordance with M.G.L. c90 or any other state or federal road program for road repairs, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners
Commentary: This Article will allow the Treasurer to borrow up to the total amount certified by the state for Hopedale Chapter 90 funds for fiscal 2016.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to amend, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw the Classification and Compensation grid for non-union Town employees and to raise and appropriate the necessary funds to adjust by 2% the annual salary paid to each employee as suggested by and adopted in Article 9 of the May 20, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Commentary: This article will adjust by 2% the salary grade levels for all non-union employees employed by the Town, excluding employees of the School Department. This also will allow additional adjustments voted at the May 20, 2014 annual meeting to occur on schedule.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2016 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee
Commentary: This is the principal funding article for the fiscal year 2016, which will appropriate funds and set the spending limits for most departments not funded by offset receipts.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Water Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners
Commentary: This is the principal money article which will fund the fiscal year 2016 operations of the Water Department completely from offset receipts.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Sewer Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners
Commentary: This is the principal money article which will fund the fiscal year 2016 operations of the Sewer Department completely from offset receipts.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to fund the Ambulance Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Commentary: This is the principal money article which will fund the fiscal year 2016 operations of the Ambulance Department completely from offset receipts.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The anticipated amount for fiscal year 2016 is $1533.55 and represents the dues the Town pays annually to the Central Massachusetts Regional planning Commission.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2015, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District
Commentary: The anticipated amount is $223,357, which is inclusive of $11,097 for the debt service associated with Hopedale's previously (2001) voted amount for the District's addition/ renovation project.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a School Bus Transportation Account and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the School Department's Transportation Fee, to be expended under the authority of the School Committee, such expenditures not to exceed $100,000 for the fiscal year 2016; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted: School Committee
Commentary: This Article will allow the School Committee to use receipts, up to a maximum of $100,000, collected in conjunction with school busing, to fund busing operations during fiscal year 2016 and allow for those unexpended funds to remain in the account at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 16: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from $690.32 to $701.58 or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors
Commentary: This will increase the amount qualifying seniors receive toward their fiscal year 2016 tax bill. The increase is COLA of 1.63 % as found in Informational Guideline Release (IGR) NO 15-206.

Article 17: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to surviving spouse, minor child, elderly person owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 17D , by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from $231.48 to $235.35 or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors
Commentary: This will increase the amount qualifying seniors receive toward their fiscal year 2016 tax bill. The increase is COLA of 1.63 % as found in Informational Guideline Release (IGR) NO 15-206

Article 18: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to accept the provisions of Clause Fifty-Sixth of M.G.L. c.59., §5, to allow members of the Massachusetts National Guard or military reservists who are on active duty (outside of the United States) to obtain a reduction on all or part of their real property taxes for any fiscal year they are serving in a foreign country, owning real property, which acceptance will expire two years after acceptance (i.e., following the close of Fiscal Year 2017) unless extended by the Town or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: The Board of Assessors
Commentary: This needs to be voted every two years as per Massachusetts General Law.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hopedale Zoning By-Laws as follows, or to take any other action related thereto:

I. Amend Section 3.1, Types of Districts, by adding, below the words, "Groundwater Protection", the words, "Adult Use Overlay"; and

II. Add a new Section 17A, Adult Use Overlay District, to read as follows:

SECTION 17A
Adult Use Overlay District

3.1 AUTHORITY

This Bylaw is enacted pursuant to G.L. c.40A and pursuant to the Town's authority under the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution to serve the compelling Town interests in regulating the location and minimizing the negative effects of certain Adult Uses, as defined and designated herein, in response to studies demonstrating their deleterious secondary effects.

3.2 PURPOSE

It has been documented in numerous other towns and cities throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and elsewhere in the United States that Adult Uses are distinguishable from other business uses and that the location of Adult Uses may have deleterious impacts in the areas of a community where they are located. Studies have shown secondary impacts such as increased levels of crime, adverse impacts on the business climate, adverse impacts on the property values of residential and commercial properties, and adverse impacts on quality of life. These adverse secondary effects have also been referenced and documented in numerous court decisions regarding the zoning of adult entertainment uses. The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate and limit the location of Adult Uses so as to minimize the secondary effects associated with these establishments, and to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale. It is not the purpose or intent of this Bylaw to restrict or deny access by adults to Adult Uses or to materials that are protected by the Constitution of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, nor to restrict or deny rights that distributors or exhibitors of such matter or materials may have to sell, rent, distribute or exhibit such matter or materials.

Neither is it the intent of this Bylaw to legalize the sale, rental, distribution or exhibition of obscene or other illegal materials. Finally, it is not the intent of this Bylaw to afford adult uses nonconforming use protections any greater than are provided under MGL c40A, 6 and 9A.

Submitted by: The Planning Board
Commentary: At the Planning Board's February 11, 2015 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to establish the Adult Overlay District, the proposed location of the district is 363, 366, 368 and 373-383 West Street (Route 140), Hopedale, MA. Approval of action taken under this Article, other than a motion to pass over, will require a 2/3rd's majority vote of Town Meeting

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the Conservation Commission to prescribe penalties of not more than $1,000 for violations of its rules and regulations promulgated under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, § 8C; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: The Conservation Commission
Commentary: This article would authorize the filing of special legislation allowing the Conservation Commission to issue more significant fines for violations of its rules and regulations under M.G.L. c.40, §8C. After approval by Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen would forward the bill to the Town's State Representative and State Senator. The current limit on fines under M.G.L. c.40, §8C and the Town's bylaws is $100.00.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $94,000 to purchase and equip a new mainline service truck for the water department; and as funding therefor, to transfer said sum from the Water Departments retained earnings, or take any other action thereto

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Submitted by: The Water and Sewer Commissioners
Commentary: This vehicle is needed to perform necessary day to day duties of the department. There is currently $422,422 in the retained earnings account.

Article 22: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of $6,600,000 for the work necessary to construct EPA Permit-required upgrades at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and as funding therefore, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum in accordance with M.G.L. c.44. §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefore, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: The Water and Sewer Commissioners
Commentary: The EPA has mandated certain upgrades be made at the Waste Water Treatment Plant; the Commissioners will have outlined a plan with their attentions with what those upgrades will entail to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee at a meeting on May 4, 2015. This article will require a 2/3 majority vote.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.41, §23A to change the title of the Town Coordinator to Town Administrator, and in connection therewith to revise Chapter 53 of the Town of Hopedale Bylaws accordingly or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: The Board of Selectmen

Commentary: The Board is looking to allow for certain additional responsibilities to be given to the position of Town Coordinator and to change the title back to Town Administrator.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at three public places in different parts of the Town not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 4th day of May 2015.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Sandra Biagetti
Acting Chairman

Robert P. Burns

A True Copy, ATTEST:
Posted in the Town Hall, Police Station, and Post Office Lobby.

Constable

Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM. At 7:07 PM Moderator Judge Francis P. Larkin declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Steven Sette, Town Coordinator
Thomas M. Daige, Fire Chief
Michael F. Fitzpatrick, School Superintendent, Blackstone Valley Regional High School
Mark Giovanella, Police Chief
Paul Lawson, Hopedale Property owner
Stephanie L'Etalien, Town Treasurer
Kent Nichols, Jr., Weston and Sampson Engineering
Daniel Sheahan, Weston and Sampson Engineering
Jonathan Silverstein, Town Counsel
Pamela Smith, Interim School Superintendent, Hopedale Public Schools
James G. Mullen, Jr., Interim Town Clerk

Moderator Francis J. Larkin lead the Town Meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

The Moderator asked the Town Meeting to stand for a moment of silence in honor of

JANET ORFF JACARUSO

Town Clerk
2004-2015

Selectman
2012-2015

Moderator Francis J. Larkin made some brief remarks and then administered the oath of office to the newest Hopedale Selectman Thomas A. Wesley. Mr. Wesley addressed Town Meeting and thanked the voters for placing their trust in him.

Article 1: A motion was made and seconded to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of the Town of Hopedale.

Moderator Francis J. Larkin paid tribute to Hopedale track coach Joseph P. Drugan for his success and that of the members of his team. Moderator Larkin praised Mr. Drugan for the outstanding achievement as Hopedale was admitted into the Track and Field Hall of Fame.

The Town Meeting gave Mr. Drugan a Standing Ovation

Article 2: Selectman Thomas A. Wesley made a motion which was seconded pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer, and to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for service in fiscal year 2016.

Town Moderator (1)	$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	$ 5,850
Town Clerk (1)*	$ 45,480
Road Commissioners (3)	$ 1,980
Board of Health (3)	$ 1,665
Park Commissioners (3)	$ 1,440
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	$ 1,980
Tree Warden (1)	$ 900
Planning Board (5)	$ 3,330
Board of Assessors (3)	$ 1,665
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	$ 2,340
Finance Committee (9) appt.	$ 4,140
School Committee (5)	$ 4,950
Conservation Committee (5)	$ 2,340
Library Trustees (3)	$ 1,440

*Town Clerk is paid bi-weekly; all others twice per year

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 3

Karla J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion which was seconded to Pass Over Article Three

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 4:

Mary T. Arcudi made a motion which was seconded to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c.44.s53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the Towns recycling center to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts received in connection with the collection of recycling and hazardous waste, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed $ 30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2016, and to carry forward any existing monies in such fund for FY2016.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 5:

Mary T. Arcudi made a motion which was seconded to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed $15,000.00.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 6:
Town Coordinator Steven Sette made a motion which was seconded to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2016.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 7: Eli J. Potty, Chairman of the Road Commissioners made a motion which was seconded to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of $173,466 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend such sum or any other sum that is or may be provided to the Town in accordance with M.G.L. c90 or any other state or federal road program for road repairs.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 8: Selectman Robert P. Burns, made a motion which was seconded to amend, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw the Classification and Compensation grid for non-union Town employees and to raise and appropriate the necessary funds to adjust by 2% the annual salary paid to each employee as suggested by and adopted in Article 9 of the May 20, 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE
Article 9: Holds were placed on the following subsections of Article 9, Town Counsel, Police Department and Park Department.

Questions were addressed on the Town Counsel and Police sections of Article 9

Article 9:

A motion was made and seconded to appropriate $ 30,000.00 in Article 9 for the Town Counsel Department.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNAMIOUS VOTE

A motion was made and seconded to appropriate $ 1,040,257.00 in Article 9 for the Police Department.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNAMIOUS VOTE

Park Commissioner Daniel R. Iacovelli made a motion which was seconded to increase the Park Department Salaries and Wages by $ 10,366.40 for a grand total for Park Department of
$ 73,406.40

A ballot vote was requested and called for by Moderator Francis J. Larkin.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES 26 NO 43

Article 9, was then voted upon as originally presented

Article 9: Karla J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion which was seconded to raise and appropriate $20,371,451 and transfer from overlay reserves $60,000 for a total budget of $20,431,451 to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2016 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report.

100 GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY15	FY16
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	200	200
EXPENSES	0	0
TOWN MODERATOR	200	200
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	5,850	5,850
EXPENSES	8,550	8,000
SELECTMEN	14,400	13,850
SALARIES	125,700	128,214
EXPENSES	37,530	41,500
COORDINATOR	163,230	169,714
SALARY, APPOINTED	4,140	2,100
EXPENSES	925	200
FINANCE COMMITTEE	5,065	2,300
RESERVE FUND	125,000	100,000
SALARIES	77,303	67,858
EXPENSES	24,350	23,450
ACCOUNTANT	101,653	91,308
SALARIES, PERMANENT	102,915	105,381
SALARIES, APPOINTED	1,665	1,665
EXPENSES	22,295	25,945
ASSESSORS	126,875	132,991
SALARIES, PERMANENT	116,343	119,939
EXPENSES	39,900	44,900
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	156,243	164,839
TOWN COUNSEL	60,000	30,000
TAX TITLE	4,500	4,350
SALARIES, ELECTED	45,588	45,480
SALARIES, PERMANENT	22,430	22,880
EXPENSES	3,540	1,740
TOWN CLERK	71,558	70,100
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	4,200	2,800
EXPENSES	4,000	2,800
ELECTIONS	8,200	5,600
SALARIES	1,600	1,600
EXPENSES	3,600	3,600
REGISTRATION	5,200	5,200
SALARY	600	600
EXPENSES	600	300
PARKING CLERK	1,200	900
SALARY, APPOINTED	2,340	2,340
EXPENSES	0	0
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	2,340	2,340
SALARIES PERMANENT	1,200	1,200
SALARIES APPOINTED OFFICIALS	3,330	3,330
EXPENSES	2,100	2,040
PLANNING BOARD	6,630	6,570
SALARIES PERMANENT	900	0
SALARIES APPOINTED OFFICIALS	2,340	2,340
EXPENSES	2,100	2,940
ZONING BOARD	5,340	5,280
COMPUTER	39,500	44,150
PUBLIC BLD - TOWN HALL	95,255	63,400
TOTAL - GENERAL GOVT	*992,389*	*913,092*

200 PUBLIC SAFETY	FY15	FY16
SALARIES	886,014	917,921
EXPENSES	154,031	122,336
POLICE	1,040,045	1,040,257
DISPATCH SALARIES	207,029	214,023
DISPATCH EXPENSE	23,000	24,800
DISPATCH	230,029	238,823
SALARIES	548,276	581,972
EXPENSES	121,894	104,610
FIRE	670,170	686,582
POLICE DETAIL SALARIES	10,000	10,000
TOWN POLICE DETAIL	10,000	10,000
SALARIES	27,485	27,958
EXPENSES	3,500	3,405
BUILDING INSPECTOR	30,985	31,363
SALARY & WAGES PERM	7,500	7,275
EXPENSES	500	500
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	8,000	7,775
SALARY & WAGES PERM	7,500	7,275
EXPENSES	500	500
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	8,000	7,775
SALARIES	750	750
WEIGHTS & MEASURES	750	750
CIVIL DEFENSE (EMS)	6,000	5,820
SALARY & WAGES PERM.	7,577	0
EXPENSES	300	7,350
DOG OFFICER	7,877	7,350
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICAL	900	900
EXPENSES	20,500	19,850
FORESTRY-TREE PLANTING	21,400	20,750
FORESTRY-PEST CONTROL	275	275
FORESTRY-DUTCH ELM	450	450
TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	*2,033,981*	*2,057,970*

300 EDUCATION		
SCHOOL DEPT	*10,516,510*	*11,033,629*

400 PUBLIC WORKS		
SALARIES, ELECTED	1,980	1,980
SALARIES, PERMANENT	337,214	348,162
EXPENSES	212,550	192,550
HIGHWAY	551,744	542,692
SALARIES	20,000	20,000
EXPENSES	105,000	105,000
SNOW REMOVAL	125,000	125,000
STREET LIGHTING	55,000	55,000
SALARY, PERMANENT	0	0
EXPENSES	3,350	3,350
CEMETERY	3,350	3,350
TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	*735,094*	*726,042*

500 HUMAN SERVICES	FY15	FY16
SALARY & WAGES PERM	49,834	53,064
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	1,665	1,665
EXPENSES	428,484	403,413
HEALTH OFFICER	479,983	458,142
SALARIES	56,770	66,563
EXPENSES	21,700	22,700
COUNCIL ON AGING	78,470	89,263
SALARY, PERMANENT	3,600	3,600
EXPENSES	27,797	27,797
VETERANS	31,397	31,397
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	135	135
TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	*589,985*	*578,937*

600 CULTURE AND RECREATION		
SALARY & WAGES PERM	160,706	163,920
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	1,440	1,440
EXPENSES	95,567	93,618
LIBRARY	257,713	258,978
SALARY, PERMANENT	34,782	36,000
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	1,440	1,440
EXPENSES	26,400	25,600
PARKS	62,622	63,040
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE-RED SHOP	5,030	4,975
EXPENSES	2,570	2,535
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	2,570	2,535
MEMORIAL DAY	300	300
CULTURAL COUNCIL	4,000	3,880
TOTAL - CULTURE AND REC	*332,235*	*333,708*

700 DEBT SERVICE		
RETIREMENT OF DEBT - PRINC	1,009,148	1,044,308
RETIREMENT OF DEBT - INT	277,686	183,101
TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	*1,286,834*	*1,227,409*

800 INTERGOVERNMENTAL		
COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	694,247	693,509
TOTAL INTERGOV.	*694,247*	*693,509*

900 MISCELLANEOUS		
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATIC	20,000	20,000
MEDICARE	169,950	175,049
HEALTH AND LIFE INS. PREM	2,100,000	2,400,000
WORKERS COMP PREMIUMS	85,000	93,107
LIABILITY INSURANCE	156,000	179,000
TOTAL - MISCELLANEOUS	*2,530,950*	*2,867,156*

TOTAL	19,712,225	20,431,451

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 10: Christine H. Burke, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Commissioners made a motion which was seconded to authorize the Water Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries $223,378, Expenses $470,613 and Long Term Debt $416,451.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 11: Christine H. Burke, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Commissioners made a motion which was seconded to authorize the Sewer Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts, as follows, Salaries $266,788, Expenses $527,633 and Sewer debt of $234,164.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 12: Sandra E. Slattery Biagetti, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen made a motion which was seconded to authorize the Ambulance Department Budget to be funded through offset receipts as follows; Salaries $53,028 and Expenses $19,832.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 13: Selectman Thomas A. Wesley made a motion which was seconded to appropriate the sum of $1,534.00, to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 14: Town Coordinator Steven Sette made a motion which was seconded to appropriate the sum of $233,537, for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2015.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 15: Grace G. Pool made a motion which was seconded to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a School Bus Transportation Account and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the School Department's Transportation Fee, to be expended under the authority of the School Committee, such expenditures not to exceed $100,000 for the fiscal year 2016.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 16: Principal Assessor Teresa M. Gonsalves, made a motion which was seconded to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from $690.32 to $701.58.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 17: Principal Assessor Teresa M. Gonsalves made a motion which was seconded to increase the availability of tax exemptions to surviving spouse, minor child, elderly person owning real property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 17D , by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, from $231.48 to $235.35.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 18: Principal Assessor Teresa M. Gonsalves made a motion which was seconded to accept the provisions of Clause Fifty-Sixth of M.G.L. c.59., §5, to allow members of the Massachusetts National Guard or military reservists who are on active duty (outside of the United States) to obtain a reduction on all or part of their real property taxes for any fiscal year they are serving in a foreign country, owning real property, which acceptance will expire two years after acceptance (i.e., following the close of Fiscal Year 2017) unless extended by the Town.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 19: Brian R. Keyes, Chairman of the Planning Board made a motion which was seconded to amend the Hopedale Zoning By-Laws as follows:

I. Amend Section 3.1, Types of Districts, by adding, below the words, "Groundwater Protection", the words, "Adult Use Overlay"; and

II. Add a new Section 17A, Adult Use Overlay District, as set forth in the warrant and in the handout entitled Article19:

VOTED: The Town Voted YES 37 NO 22

The vote lacked the 2/3rds vote required and therefore was defeated

Article 20: Town Coordinator Steven Sette made a motion which was seconded to Pass Over Article 20.

VOTED: The Town Voted to Pass Over Article 20 UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 21: Christine H. Burke, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Commissioners made a motion which was seconded to appropriate the sum of $94,000 to purchase and equip a new mainline service truck for the water department; and as funding therefor, to transfer said sum from the Water Departments retained earnings.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNAMIOUS VOTE

Article 22: Christine H. Burke, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Commissioners to appropriate the sum of $6,600,000 for the work necessary to construct EPA Permit-required upgrades at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and as funding therefore, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum in accordance with M.G.L. c.44. §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefore.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNAMIOUS VOTE

Article 23: Sandra E. Slattery Biagetti made a motion which was seconded that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.41. §23A to change the title of the Town Coordinator to Town Administrator, and in connection therewith to revise Chapter 53 of the Town of Hopedale Bylaws accordingly, by replacing any references to "Town Coordinator to :Town Administrator".

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNAMIOUS VOTE

Selectman Thomas A. Wesley made a motion which was seconded to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting.

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNAMIOUS VOTE

The Annual Town Meeting dissolved at 9:20 P.M.

James G. Mullen, Jr.
Interim Town Clerk

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT JUNE 30, 2015
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester. Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School at 25 Adin Street in said Hopedale on Tuesday June 30, 2015, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money from certain accounts to others to adjust the fiscal year 2015 operating budget, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee
Commentary: These items will represent amounts exceeded by budgets in various departments. This article will require a majority vote.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, including but not limited to Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, such sums as may be required for various capital purposes, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee
Commentary: It is anticipated this article will transfer from Free Cash and Retained Earnings, various sums for capital items. Free Cash and Retained Earnings has been traditionally used to fund capital items of a nonrecurring nature. This article will require a majority vote.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote a sum of money to be authorized to augment the Ambulance Department Budget by offset receipts, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
Commentary: Together with the votes taken under Article 13 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5 of the November 18, 2014 Special Town Meeting and Article 1 of the March 31, 2015 Special Town Meeting, this article will fund the operations of the Ambulance completely from offset receipts.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee
Commentary: This Article is intended to transfer funds out of the Town's general purpose Stabilization Fund and will require a 2/3rd's majority vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee
Commentary: This Article is intended to transfer funds out of the Town's general purpose Stabilization Fund and will require a 2/3rd's majority vote.

Given under our hands this 15th day of June 2015.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Sandra Biagetti, Chair	Robert P. Burns	Thomas A. Wesley

A True Copy, ATTEST:
Posted in the Town Hall, Police Station, and Post Office Lobby.

Constable	Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – June 30, 2015
at 7:00 PM in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 7:00 PM. At 7:06 PM Moderator Judge Francis P. Larkin declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Privileges of the floor were extended to the following:

Thomas M. Daige, Fire Chief
Joseph Fair, Town Counsel
Ann Fields, Library Director
Stephanie L'Etalien, Town Treasurer
Pamela Smith, Interim School Superintendent, Hopedale Public Schools
James G. Mullen, Jr., Interim Town Clerk

Moderator Larkin led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator, Judge Francis P. Larkin paid tribute to the Hopedale High School Baseball team, the Girls Softball team and the Girls Tennis team.

The Town Meeting gave the Hopedale High school teams a warm round of applause.

Article 1: Karla J. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion which was seconded to transfer the following sums of money to and from the following accounts to adjust the fiscal year 2015 operating budget:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
Health Ins. Premium	$138,750.00	Fin Comm Reserve Fund	$ 26,673.00
		Accountant Salaries	$ 500.00
		Assessor Salaries Permanent	$ 10,000.00
		Treasurer Expenses	$ 1,427.00
		Town Counsel	$ 18,000.00
		Tax Title	$ 1,607.00
		Town Hall Public Bld	$ 31,500.00
		Highway Salaries, Permanent	$ 12,948.00
		COA Salaries	$ 1,900.00
		COA Expenses	$ 500.00
		Parks Salary, Permanent	$ 5,300.00
		County Assessments	$ 10,190.00
		Interest on Long Term Debt, Retirement of Debt – Int.	$ 5,780.00
		Liability Insurance	$ 1,951.00
		Workers Comp Premiums	$ 5,474.00
		Police Expense	$ 4,500.00

		Dispatch Expense	$ 500.0
Subtotal	*$138,750.00*	***Subtotal Line-item Transfers***	*$138,750.0*
Health Ins. Premium	$45,741.00	Free Cash	$ 45,741.0
Medicare	$11,500.00	Free Cash	$ 11,500.0
Fire Dept. Salaries	$38,200.00	Free Cash	$ 38,200.0
Fire Dept. Expenses	$27,300.00	Free Cash	$ 27,300.0
Subtotal	*$122,741.00*	*Subtotal Free Cash Transfers*	*$122,741.0*
TOTAL	$261,491.00	TOTAL	$261,491.0

Voted: The Town voted YES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 2: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the total sum of $289,427 to be expended for the following projects and purposes, including the acquisition and

equipping of vehicles, the construction, improvement or maintenance of ways, purchase or lease of capital equipment and, as may be necessary, to authorize lease/purchase agreements of more than three years, including all costs incidental and related thereto:

• Free Cash to Highway Dept., Villa Drive	$ 50,815
• Free Cash to Highway Dept., Dump Truck	$ 57,259
• Free Cash to Police Dept., Cruiser	$ 33,896
• Free Cash to Police Dept., Cruiser	$ 42,688
• Free Cash to Library Dept., Statue of Hope	$ 10,000
• Free Cash to School Dept., School Bus Lease SALY	$ 46,769
• Free Cash to School Dept., Hot Water Tank	$ 20,000
• Free Cash to Fire Dept., Turn Out Gear	$ 28,000

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNAMIOUS VOTE

Article 3: Sandra E. Slattery Biagetti made a motion which was seconded to augment the FY 2015 Ambulance Department Budget, using offset receipts, specifically by transferring from Ambulance Receipts Reserved the total sum of $15,000 to increase the following lines: Salaries $ 5,500; Expenses $ 9,500.

VOTED: The Town Voted Yes UNAMIOUS VOTE

Article 4: A motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 4.

VOTED: The Town Voted Yes UNAMIOUS VOTE

A motion was made to dissolve the Special Town Meeting

VOTED: The Town Voted YES UNAMIOUS VOTE

The Special Town Meeting dissolved at 7:18 PM

James G. Mullen, Jr.
Interim Town Clerk

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
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Town Accountant
Linda Catanzariti

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Board of Selectmen and
Residents of Hopedale

The following report reflects the financial condition of the Town of Hopedale as of June 30, 2015 and for the year then ended. The financial statements include the combined balance sheet and combined statement of revenues and expenditures.

I would like to thank the various town departments for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Costello, CPA
Interim Town Accountant

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

ASSETS	General Fund (1)	Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-46)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
Cash & Investments:								
Cash & Investments	2,810,078.13	1,655,234.53	211,744.86	397,939.92	607,878.68	1,222,982.83	-	6,905,858.95
Receivables:								
Personal Property	80,175.09							80,175.09
Real Estate	879,375.53							879,375.53
Tax Liens	463,720.03							463,720.03
Deferred Property	-							-
Tax Foreclosures	71,497.25							71,497.25
Motor Vehicle Excise	139,907.59							139,907.59
Total Tax and Excise	1,634,675.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,634,675.49
User Charges				27,936.13	40,683.81			68,619.94
Other Service				-	25,500.91			25,500.91
Special Assessments				9,622.06	16,040.35			25,662.41
Ambulance Receivable		92,530.93						92,530.93
Utilities Liens Added to Taxes				-	-			
Total User Charges and Assessments	-	92,530.93	-	37,558.19	82,225.07	-	-	212,314.19
Total Receivables	1,634,675.49	92,530.93	-	37,558.19	82,225.07	-	-	1,846,989.68
Due from Commonwealth					162,547.90			162,547.90
Amounts To Be Provided:								
Bonds Authorized							469,617.00	469,617.00
Bonds Authorized and Unissued							(469,617.00)	(469,617.00)
Amounts to be Provided for Bonds							12,129,435.68	12,129,435.68
Amounts to be Provided for LT Obligations	-							-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,129,435.68	12,129,435.68
TOTAL ASSETS	4,444,753.62	1,747,765.46	211,744.86	435,498.11	852,651.65	1,222,982.83	12,129,435.68	21,044,832.21

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-46)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
LIABILITIES								
Warrants Payable	507,757.88	53,993.67	-	67,654.33	35,250.70	9,005.75		673,662.33
Withholdings	357,906.61							357,906.61
Provision for Abatements/Exemptions	593,373.13							593,373.13
Agency Accounts						147,876.73		147,876.73
Tailings	41,057.28							41,057.28
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	366,177.49							366,177.49
Tax Liens	463,720.03							463,720.03
Deferred Taxes	-							-
Tax Foreclosures	71,497.25							71,497.25
Motor Vehicle	139,907.59							139,907.59
Water & Sewer				37,558.19	82,225.07			119,783.26
Ambulance		92,530.93						92,530.93
Utilities Liens Added to Taxes								-
Intergovernmental					162,547.90			162,547.90
	1,041,302.36	92,530.93	-	37,558.19	244,772.97	-	-	1,416,164.45
Notes Payable								-
Bond Anticipation Notes			125,000.00					125,000.00
Bond Payable:								
Water Expansion							745,899.63	745,899.63
Fire Station Renovation							875,000.00	875,000.00
Storm Water							225,536.05	225,536.05
High School Building							3,744,403.00	3,744,403.00
Sewer Plant							323,533.00	323,533.00
Sewer Upgrades							1,253,000.00	1,253,000.00
Fire Ladder Truck							220,000.00	220,000.00
Water Treatment Plant Design							296,000.00	296,000.00
Memorial School Roof							172,000.00	172,000.00
Water Treatment Plant (New)							3,975,000.00	3,975,000.00
Memorial School Roof							297,064.00	297,064.00
	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,129,435.68	12,129,435.68
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,541,399.26	146,524.60	125,000.00	105,212.52	280,023.67	156,882.48	12,129,435.68	15,484,478.21

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-46)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
FUND BALANCE								
Reserved Fund Balance:								
Reserved for Expenditures	60,000.00				94,000.00			154,000.00
Reserved for Encumbrances	393,289.07			22,245.02	5,857.77			421,391.86
Reserved for Carryovers	550,828.14			-	-			550,828.14
Reserved for Petty Cash	220.00							220.00
Reserved for Special Purposes				-				-
Reserved for Revenue Deficit								
	1,004,337.21	-	-	22,245.02	99,857.77	-	-	1,126,440.00
Designated Fund Balance		1,601,240.86	86,744.86			1,066,100.35		2,754,086.07
Unreserved Fund Balance	899,017.15		-	308,040.57	472,770.21	-	-	1,679,827.93
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,903,354.36	1,601,240.86	86,744.86	330,285.59	572,627.98	1,066,100.35	-	5,560,354.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	4,444,753.62	1,747,765.46	211,744.86	435,496.11	852,651.65	1,222,982.83	12,129,435.68	21,044,832.21

Town of Hopedale
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2016

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-46)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
REVENUE								
Taxes:								
Personal Property	401,385.00							401,385.00
Real Estate	10,828,606.33							10,828,606.33
Tax Liens Redeemed	268,706.01							268,706.01
Tax Deferred								-
Tax Foreclosure								-
Motor Vehicle Excise	780,157.26	-			-			780,157.26
Penalties & Interest	185,322.66							185,322.66
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	69,260.59							69,260.59
Total Taxes	12,533,437.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,533,437.85
User Charges:								
Water					722,571.27			722,571.27
Sewer				879,542.73				879,542.73
Assessments				221,055.97	413,966.13			635,022.10
Total User Charges	-	-	-	1,100,598.70	1,136,538.00	-	-	2,237,136.70
State Aid	7,773,490.05	1,863,148.92						9,636,638.97
Other Special Revenue		1,162,040.38	163,590.00					1,325,630.38
Other Local Receipts:								
Charges for Services	60,577.66	318,928.29	-	-		-	-	379,505.95
Licenses & Permits	111,407.30				-			111,407.30
Fines & Forfeits	18,336.50							18,336.50
Interest	7,592.13			1,953.31	1,592.91	13,170.28		24,708.63
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	5,790.90				474.99			6,265.89
	204,104.79	318,928.29	-	1,953.31	2,067.90	13,170.28	-	540,224.57
TOTAL REVENUE	20,511,032.69	3,344,117.59	163,590.00	1,102,552.01	1,138,605.90	13,170.28	-	26,270,068.47

Town of Hopedale
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2015

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-40)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (99)	Total
EXPENDITURES								
Expenditures:								
General Government	1,038,572.86	31,556.91						1,089,129.77
Police	1,314,814.35	69,414.99						1,384,229.34
Fire	780,245.00	8,735.00						788,980.00
Ambulance	260,467.73	83,283.55						343,751.28
Inspectors	43,389.90							43,389.90
Forestry	15,710.03							15,710.03
Other Public Safety	12,995.82	119,328.56						132,324.18
Education	10,456,873.18	2,231,341.19	293,037.96					12,981,252.22
Highway	836,906.02	383,149.18						1,020,057.20
Sewer			167,598.23	695,413.78				863,012.01
Water					608,717.58			608,717.58
Other Public Works	52,449.56							52,449.56
Board of Health	449,256.36	32,427.40						481,683.76
Council on Aging	74,845.28	10,370.00						85,015.28
Veterans	27,124.39							27,124.39
Library	251,909.35	5,185.14						257,094.49
Parks	59,012.32	150.00						59,162.32
Council on Arts	4,000.00	4,510.00						8,510.00
Other Culture and Recreation	8,620.98	(6,701.90)						1,919.08
Debt Service	1,280,221.80			223,588.41	418,081.38			1,922,871.59
State and County Charges	1,206,782.13							1,206,782.13
Employee Benefits	2,829,630.53	(2,034.43)						2,827,596.10
Total Expenditures	20,621,389.37	2,950,715.60	460,636.19	918,982.19	1,026,798.96	-	-	26,180,522.51
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	(310,356.68)	393,401.79	(297,046.19)	183,589.82	109,808.94	13,170.28	-	92,545.96
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Other Financing Sources	581,816.04				425.34			582,241.38
Bond Premium	31,646.50							31,646.50
Other Financing Uses		(330,974.76)	(1,268.82)			(250,000.00)		(582,241.38)
	613,462.54	(330,974.76)	(1,268.82)	-	425.34	(250,000.00)	-	31,646.50
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	303,105.86	62,427.03	(298,312.81)	183,589.82	110,232.28	(236,829.72)	-	124,192.46
Beginning Fund Balance	1,600,248.50	1,538,813.83	385,057.67	146,715.77	462,395.70	1,302,930.07	-	5,436,161.54
Ending Fund Balance	1,903,354.36	1,601,240.86	86,744.86	330,285.59	572,627.98	1,066,100.35	-	5,560,354.00

Board of Assessors
Annual Report

The tax rate for fiscal year 2015 was approved by the Department of Revenue with a residential rate of $16.58 and the commercial/industrial/personal property rate of $26.69.

Hopedale's tri annual recertification program is under way for Fiscal Year 2016, to meet the requirements for recertification the Assessor's Office will continue property inspections throughout town. The inspections verify the Assessor's Office has the correct property information. This would include the total square footage (exterior), interior information (including finished basements) and other property improvements (pools, sheds and other exterior improvements). The inspections are triggered for various reasons including sales in the previous calendar year, properties with permits and if a property has not been inspected in the past five to seven years. The Assessor's Office and The Board of Assessors would like to thank the property owners for their cooperation when inspections are requested.

To help with the continued success of property inspections the office sends a post card indicating the inspection will be in the next few weeks.

Town Maps and property record cards are available on the Town's web site www.hopedale-ma.gov . Property record cards may also be found at www.patriotproperties.com

The Town offers various exemptions to eligible property owners; please contact our office for more information. Various information and exemption forms are available on the Town's web site www.hopedale-ma.gov.

The Board and Principal Assessor would like to wish Carol Whyte a very happy retirement and thank Carol for her diligence and professionalism during her time working in the Assessor's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Alberto, Chairperson Board of Assessors
Donald W. Howes, Board of Assessors

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District
Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

A Message from the Superintendent-Director
Thank you for your interest in the Annual Report of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District. As a resident of our 13-town District with a vested interest in the success of Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, please consider this document an account of how your investment was utilized and the return it yielded in Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15), July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

FY15 will proudly be recalled as the year in which the 72nd Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shined a spotlight on your vocational technical education delivery system. Deservedly so, Governor Charlie Baker's "Spotlight on Excellence" inaugural event included a tour of Valley Tech's vocational technical programs, in which students acquire industry-relevant technical skills. Yet the inaugural event also highlighted Valley Tech's athletics, honors and Advanced Placement courses, and dozens of extracurricular clubs and activities, as these entities also play a critical role in providing our students the skills they need to succeed. As confirmed by the more than 500 business and industry representatives on Valley Tech's Program Advisory Committees, technical skills alone are no longer enough to secure professional success and career longevity. The employers of today and tomorrow require employees with mastery of both technical skills and the "soft" skills of communication, collaboration, problem-solving, creative thinking, and adaptability. Accordingly, innovative programming and extracurricular activities have joined expert technical training and academic rigor as cornerstones of the BVT experience.

In the year ahead, we will continue to adapt our methods, maximize the return on your investment, and empower our students to become contributing members of the 21st century high-skilled workforce. On behalf of our students, graduates, staff, and School Committee, I thank you for your continued support of Blackstone Valley Tech.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

FY2015: ***Another Stellar Year of Vocational & Academic Achievements***
During the 2014-2015 school year, 355 AP course exams were given to 231 students in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Calculus AB, Biology, Physics 1, and Spanish Language & Culture. On the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) Spring 2014 English Language Arts test, 98% of students scored Advanced or Proficient (A/P), compared to the statewide average of 90%. In Math, 93% of students scored A/P, compared to the statewide average of 79%. On the Science and Technology/Engineering exam, 90% of students scored A/P, compared to 71% statewide. Seventy-six freshmen took the High School Science MCAS and 100% scored in the A/P categories. The BVT Class of 2015 earned nearly 200 scholarships and awards with a collective renewable value of $1.2 million.

Return on Investment: Fiscal planning with a student-focus
The District's operating budget for FY15 was developed to provide maximum instructional resources that enhance and strengthen student learning. To that end, the total operating budget of $20,970,532 was developed with a modest 2.50% increase, and funded primarily by State Aid and Member Assessments. Valley Tech continually seeks partnerships with business and industry, non-traditional revenue sources, and the use of unreserved fund balance to mitigate increases to member towns. Other efforts include maintaining Valley Tech's facility using certified staff from various trades, and providing special project services to our municipal partners and the public, which resulted in total savings to taxpayers of $483,844 in FY15.

Class of 2015: Hopedale Graduates
NHS = National Honor Society ***NTHS = National Technical Honor Society***
Brittany Elizabeth Firth (NHS/NTHS), Cosmetology; Devin Lehr Kempster, Electrical; Carly Meghan Martino (NHS), Culinary Arts; Kaitlynn Grace Samalis (NTHS), Manufacturing & Engineering Technology; Derek Paul Sloan, Manufacturing & Engineering Technology; James Desper Symmes (NHS), Information Technology; Ryan Robert Whitesell, Information Technology.

Our School Committee
Valley Tech's School Committee is comprised of 13 dedicated individuals, elected district-wide, with representation from each member town. In FY15, the Committee thanked several retiring members for their longstanding dedication, including Mr. Paul Yanovitch of Hopedale, who was first elected in 2007 and served as Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Mitchell A. Intinarelli was elected in November 2014 as Hopedale's new representative.

Chairman - Joseph M. Hall of Bellingham
Vice Chairman - Gerald M. Finn of Millville
Assistant Treasurer - Arthur E. Morin, Jr. of Milford
Secretary - Anthony M. Yitts of Grafton

Joseph A. Broderick of Blackstone
Mitchell A. Intinarelli of Hopedale
Chester P. Hanratty, Jr. of Millbury
Julie H. Mitchell of Sutton
James H. Ebbeling of Uxbridge
John C. Lavin, III of Douglas
Dennis P. Braun of Mendon
Jeff T. Koopman of Northbridge
David R. Bartlett of Upton

Superintendent-Director – Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal – Anthony E. Steele, II
Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations - Kurtis W. Johnson
District Treasurer – Barbara A. Auger

Please Note: This condensed report is provided at the request of municipal authorities. A full-length version can be obtained by visiting our website [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us] and/or by contacting the Office of the Superintendent-Director at (508)-529-7758 ext. 3037.

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The Board of Health Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015

Once again the Board of Health found itself inundated with a variety of requests and duties, and bank foreclosures added to an already heavy load.

The three-member elected board of Louis Arcudi Chairman, Edward Holland and Walter Swift grants variances, holds hearings on non-compliance orders, and promulgates Board of Health Regulations and Policies. The board holds monthly meetings. The responsibilities of the Board of Health continue to be all-encompassing and ever expanding.

It is our responsibility to enforce all public health regulations related to the State and Federal Sanitary Health Codes, and enforce any local regulations promulgated by the Board of Health members.

The main issues we deal with on a day-to-day basis include septic design and installations, housing complaints, trash and nuisance complaints, food establishment, odor and noise complaints and beach water quality. We also investigate rabies issues, asbestos concerns, West Nile Virus concerns and issue burial permits. The board also conducts Health Clinics in conjunction with the Visiting Nurses. We issue licenses for all septic installers, well permits, camp permits and answer other issues remotely connected to public health, issue Tobacco Licenses, and conduct compliance checks on establishments that sell tobacco products.

The Hopedale Board of Health operates and maintains the Recycling Center located on Thwing Street. All fees collected at this facility are used to offset the operational cost.

Once again we have noticed an increase of Lyme disease. Lyme disease is an infectious disease caused by bacteria that are spread by tiny infected ticks (specifically, deer ticks). Both people and animals can be infected with Lyme disease, which can be serious if it not treated, but not fatal.

The board has been Proactive by instituting two new programs one is the establishment of a Wellness Clinic held at the Community House twice a month. This clinic to assist the senior population with any health, medical support services along with blood pressure screening. The second is accepting used needles and syringes as long they are in a heavy plastic secured container. Please call the Board of Health office prior to bringing them to the office for disposal.

Once again the Board of Health sponsored the annual Flu Clinics. The events were held at the Hopedale Jr/Sr High School with cooperation of Superintendent of Schools and the Hopedale School Committee. The Board also held four (4) blood pressure clinics free to the citizens of Hopedale. The clinics were administered by the Visiting Nurses a division of the Salmon Home Care, LLC. In spite of confusion and shortages of the vaccine from the state, the Visiting Nurses did an outstanding job.

The Town of Hopedale has been selected as the South East region for the MRC Medical Reserve Corps. This is a volunteer organization that assists communities across central Massachusetts in

disaster response, public health preparedness and community service events. We are a division of the Worcester Regional MRC. Mary Watson is our area coordinator she is a retired nurse from the VNA.

The board has seen a significant increase of septic inspections and plan reviews which lead to the installation of new systems. Many of these installations were due to bank foreclosures, which were attributed to the economic times.

Due to the event of September 11, 2001, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has mandated that every town have a disaster plan in place. Health Agent Leonard A. Izzo has been attending various seminars to prepare for such an event, should it occur. In conjunction with the Massachusetts Region II Public Health, the Emergency Preparedness Coalition has completed the town of Hopedale's dispensing site plan. The location of the dispensing site is the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School on Adin Street.

The Board is pleased to report that Health Agent Izzo has been working with Eugene Bernat of CTI-Micro-Reduction Technologies, LLC to cap the South Main Street Landfill. This project will take approximately 3 years to complete.

The Board of Health increased its efforts in enforcing the mandatory recycling program by sending letters and fining homeowners who are not complying with the recycling by law. We have seen an increase in the recyclable tonnage which saved you, the tax payer, a significant amount of dollars by the reduction of trash sent to Wheelabrator to be burned. The Hopedale Board of Health reminds all residents that recycling is mandatory. By recycling you not only save the environment, you also save your valuable tax dollars by keeping the cost of rubbish removable down.

The Board of Health wishes to thank the residents of the town of Hopedale in your efforts to recycle because of your due diligence and the efforts of Health Agent Leonard A. Izzo. We received 2 citations from the Central Mass Municipal Recycling Council; the Town of Hopedale achieved a 30% recycling rate and the second for our Outstanding Recycling Program.

As you can see, the Board of Health has to deal with a variety of complex issues. This office does its ultimate to answer questions in a timely fashion, return calls quickly, and respond to resident complaints in an appropriate timeframe.

Everyone believes that his/her situation is of the ultimate importance, but unfortunately with only one employee in this office we are forced to prioritize on a daily basis. I strive to do my best to answer all questions and resolve problems, and to enforce the regulations that we are empowered to administer.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard A. Izzo, Health Agent

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2015

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale, I hereby submit the report of the Building / Zoning Department for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015

The Building /Zoning Department consists of: Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Robert J. Speroni (dept. head); Electrical Inspector Joseph Scanzaroli, Plumbing and Gas Inspector John Fontana, Assistant Building Inspector Tim Aicardi, Assistant Electrical Inspector Scott Guyette and Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector Joseph Zacchilli.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, town officials, fellow employees and residents that I have worked with during the past year; they have all been very helpful to me in performing my duties. I look forward to working with them in the upcoming years.

The Estimated cost of construction throughout town was $ 5,679,021

The following is a breakdown of permits issued, inspections performed and fees collected:

Building Inspections:	253	Building Permits:	252	Permit Fees:	$58,809
Electrical Inspections:	243	Electrical Permits:	184	Permit Fees:	$18,933
Plumbing Inspections	101	Plumbing Permits:	84	Permit Fees:	$5,860
Gas Inspections:	116	Gas Permits:	50	Permit Fees:	$3,594

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Speroni, C.B.O.
Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Town Clerk and Board of Registrars Annual Report

It is a pleasure for me to submit the annual report for the Office of the Town Clerk and the Members of the Board of Registrars for FY 2015. Much has happened since I arrived in "The Dale" to help out in the Town Clerk's office in mid March. The shock of Janet Orff Jacaruso's death, your Town Clerk for the past eleven years, has been difficult for all those who knew her. I have tried to be respectful of Janet's family and to her Town of Hopedale family, and at the same time continue to keep the office functioning. As I write this report in September, people still come into the office and are devastated by the news of Janet's death.

I served in the elected position of Town Clerk for the Town of Milton for thirty-six years. I retired in March of 2012. I missed working and was pleasantly surprised when I received the call about helping in the Town of Hopedale. It was flattering to receive the unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen and also Town Meeting.

During the calendar year this office recorded the following vital records: Fifty-four Births, Twenty-two Marriage Intentions, Twenty-two Marriages and Sixty-one Deaths. The Annual Town Election was held on May 12, 2015 and the Annual Town Meeting on May 19, 2015. Special Town Meetings were held on November 18, 2014, March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2015. The office compiled the annual residents list from the Annual Town Census and also registered six hundred and thirty-five dogs. The current population of the town stands at 5,558 residents and the registered voters list contains 3,773 registered voters. The results of the town election and the town meetings are published elsewhere in this report.

My thanks to Town Treasurer Stephanie L'Etalien for locating me, Town Administrator Steven A. Sette for the invitation to come to Hopedale, and the members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting for accepting his recommendation. Many thanks also to all of the staff in the Town Hall, the department heads, former Town Clerk Mary L. Draper, Senior Tax volunteers, Dr. Florence L. Ames, and Mrs. M. Claire Finigan, and the registrars who have been so helpful at the four Town Meetings and of course to the election workers who make Election Day run smoothly. In addition to all of the Hopedale people, my friend of many years former Foxborough Town Clerk Arlene Marie Crimmins was a tremendous help to me.

I am enjoying my stay and thank you for having me.

Respectfully submitted
James G. Mullen, Jr.
Interim Town Clerk

HOPEDALE COUNCIL ON AGING
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Annual Report
July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

The Council on Aging serves 1,120 seniors (age sixty (60) and over) and their families. The mission of the Hopedale Council on Aging (COA) is to identify the needs of Hopedale's older adults and ensure that those needs are met by providing access to services, resources and opportunities for education and recreation. The Council on Aging is a unified body who advocates for seniors on wide variety of issues that pertain to seniors' lives. In addition to serving the senior population, the Council on Aging functions as the town's Human Services agency handling, food and heating assistance for all of Hopedale's residents.

During the last fiscal year the COA completed our project to capture all program and outreach statistical data through our MySenior Center database. This significant accomplishment enables the COA to continually monitor and evaluate our programs and services. Our data reveals that Hopedale's largest age groups of seniors (about thirty-two (32) percent each) are in two age ranges; sixty-five (65) to sixty-nine (69) and seventy (70) to seventy-four (74). Changing demographics place seniors age eighty (80) an older at about twenty-five (25) percent of Hopedale's sixty (60) and older population. As the focus on the Baby Boomers increases we continually strive to balance and implement more age-diverse programing while maintaining our core services and programs.

Delivering outreach services, making area aging agency referrals and providing individuals with targeted information continue to be the primary activities of the Council on Aging. The COA made a total of one thousand one hundred and ninety-one (1,191) personal contacts this past fiscal year. A point of interest is that two hundred and forty-six (246) of those contacts were home visits. Hopedale seniors are so fortunate to be able to receive this level of service. We continue to deliver a wide array of outreach services and referrals resulting in an estimated three thousand (3,000) total contacts. The predominant issues for which seniors seek assistance and information are transportation, healthcare and drug insurance coverage, Medicare, Social Security, housing, food stamps, real estate tax relief and caregiver support. The Council on Aging regularly receives requests for information and respite services from spouses as well as adult children who function as caregivers for their aging parents. It is noteworthy to mention that the Council on Aging is being approached by increasing numbers of disabled non-seniors as a resource for assistance and services.

Our core service programs are local and out-of-town medical transportation, the delivery of meals through "The Meals on Wheels Program", enrollment in the federal Fuel and Food Stamp Assistance programs, enrollment in Medicare and Medicaid related

assistance programs, health and prescription drug insurance counseling, podiatry and flu clinics and crisis assistance for elders and their caregivers. During the past year we serviced an estimated two thousand (2,000) calls from seniors, their children and local aging agencies.

The Hopedale Council on Aging and Tri-Valley Inc. run highly successful monthly congregate meals at both the Sacred Heart church in Hopedale and the Hopedale Sr. Center. Our programs served over two hundred and fifty-one (251) meals. These activities provide an opportunity for the COA to address issues of nutrition and socialization among older people. In addition, Hopedale Meals on Wheels volunteers delivered over five thousand (5,000) meals to frail and homebound seniors. Providing an individual with cooked meals may be the deciding factor that enables a senior to remain in his or her home.

The Council on Aging successfully collaborates with the Hopedale School Department and the town of Milford to provide errand and limited medical transportation services. In FY'2015 we provided three hundred and thirty-five (335) trips (medical/local/out-of-town) for seniors with no means of transportation. FY'2015 was our fifteenth (15) year of collaboration with the Milford COA to provide local medical transportation services to seniors. The Milford Council on Aging is a wonderful partner. Additionally, the COA partners with the Hopedale Public Schools and uses school buses to transport seniors for grocery and personal shopping. As is often stated, the loss of a senior's ability to drive can have a devastating impact on "quality of life". Hopedale seniors are disadvantaged by the lack of a regional or a convenient mass transportation system. There is little legislative activity in the pipeline on this topic.

Our monthly activities range from programs which provide medical and legal information to those which are cultural or social. Annual events, i.e. the Spring Concert with the Elementary School, the Veterans' Breakfast sponsored by Atria Draper Place, the Sr. Citizens' Barbecue and the Eighty (80) and Older Birthday Party are all anticipated events. Through our "Hugs from Hopedale" knitting club, we provide opportunities for senior volunteers to create knitted items for needy children and adults in long-term care facilities. Community members seeking volunteer opportunities assist us with our monthly newsletter mailing or as activity volunteers at other regularly scheduled weekly and monthly programs. We continue our long-standing relationships and joint annual programming with the Hopedale High School Student Council, The Blackstone Valley Technical High School Rachel's Challenge Group, Fire, Police and Board of Health Departments, Emergency Management, the Girl Scouts and Atria Draper Place, a local Assisted Living Facility. We keep connected with our peers by meeting quarterly with area aging agency professionals and well as staff from local COAs.

The Senior Tax Credit Program administered by the COA offers seniors age sixty (60) and older the opportunity to work in town departments in exchange for a $750.00 reduction of their real estate taxes. FY'2015 was the twentieth (20) year of this highly successful program with twenty (20) participants at a total cost of $15,000. Hopedale greatly benefits from the work performed by our senior employees. However, the recent change to our policy to adopt the IRS position that the "tax credit" is to be treated as income for Federal tax purposes, has slightly reduced the number of program applicants.

Over the years, the Council on Aging has expanded the population which it serves to include non-senior residents who seek heating and food assistance. Both seniors and non-seniors who seek our assistance are among the town's most indigent. Since we are the only human service department in town we also assist non-senior clients with their critical health insurance and housing needs. The lengthy and in-depth federal applications usually require multiple client sessions.

The COA has partnerships with multiple state offices and town departments. Our citizens' safety council, the TRIAD group partners with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and the Hopedale Police and Fire Departments. Two significant programs that they sponsor are the House Number Signage Program and The File of Life Program. We have placed over forty-four (44) house numbers on un-number houses in Hopedale. The COA has also distributed hundreds of potentially life-saving File of Life (refrigerator magnet cards listing individuals' prescription drugs) cards.

For forty-four (44) years the Council on Aging has been located in a room made available free of charge to the town by the non-profit Community House Foundation. While there are challenges to a single-room concept for a Senior Center, the COA is grateful for the Community Houses' generosity. Many positive changes have taken place at The Community House in the past two (2) years. I want to make special mention of the outstanding support the Community House staff provides to the Council on Aging under the direction of Bernie Stock.

I want to thank Outreach Worker Nancy Mosher, Staff Assistant Jennifer Bethel, The Council on Aging Board, The Hopedale Friends of Elders and all our volunteers for all their hard work. Thanks to all of you for being a wonderful supportive team.

The Council on Aging Board Members are:

Chair	Cheryl Moreci
Vice-Chair	Bob Casali
Secretary	Dan Malloy

Members:	Claudette Hughes	Patricia Johnson	Edward Holland
	Nancilee Fuller	Diane Frazier	

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Mullen

Carole Mullen
Director

Hopedale Cultural Council

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allocated $4335 for local aid to the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. The Hopedale Cultural Council received 15 applications and awarded grants to the following 11 applicants.

Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation	$600.
Friends of the Bancroft Memorial Library	$550
Blackstone valley Community Concert Band	$500
Hopedale Jr. Sr. High School	$500
Bancroft Memorial Library	$450
Hopedale Council on Aging	$350
Whiskey Tones	$350
Audio Journal, Inc.	$300
Greater Milford Ballet Association	$250
Henry the Juggler	$245
Hopedale Jr. Sr. High School	$240

The town of Hopedale Allocated $4250 to the council, which enabled the council to organize the Wednesday night summer band concert series. There were seven scheduled performances paid for through the town appropriation, a grant, and money rose by the Hopedale Cultural Council. Refreshment concessions were offered by local organizations.

The 35th Annual Day in the Park was held on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at the town park. Live music and entertainment, a juried art show, craft booths and food concessions provided fun for all ages.

A scholarship of $300 was awarded to a graduating Hopedale High School student class of 2015.

A Student Art Show was held on December 5, 2014 in conjunction with the holiday festivities being held at the Hopedale Community House. Students from Hopedale and surrounding areas submitted their work to this juried event.

Theater trips to Boston were coordinated by the council and funded through the cost of the tickets and bus fee paid by those purchasing tickets.

Respectfully submitted

Wilma Manning, LCC chairperson

September 11, 2015

Ellen Murphy, Treasurer

Members: Sally Decelles, Paula Galligan, Virginia Larkin, Ann LaBrode, Melissa MartinLaVache, Bridget Pardee

Commission on Disabilities

During fiscal year 2015, the Commission on Disabilities has focused on the compliance of the American Disabilities Act and the requirements that the Town needs to take to conform. A Town audit was done by Kessler McGuinness & Associates, a national consulting firm that specializes in ADA compliance, to identify any barriers and recommendations based on the firm's assessment of the ADA audit. The findings of the firms audit were done and presented to the Board of Selectman in May of 2015. The evaluation was broken down into several categories which consisted of the Towns policies and procedures, effective communication and structural barriers. These issues were all identified in the assessment and the Commission on Disabilities has adopted the firm's findings. The Commission on Disabilities is now developing a transition plan of action to prioritize the key findings in the firms audit to assure that the Town meets compliance regulations as we move forward. Once the transition plan has been finalized, the Commission will present the plan to the Town Board of Selectman in hopes to support the transition plan to ensure that the Towns commitment for services and programs are accessible to all individuals with Disabilities.
As always the Commission will function and act as a centralizing force in the community for addressing disability issues as it was intended for.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerard Small, Chair

November 1, 2015

To the Citizens of Hopedale:

The proposed budget for Fiscal 2014, July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015, as outlined on the following pages, indicates a spending increase of approximately 2.0% over the prior year. On the revenue side, local receipts along with state funded receipts have remained stable, with a slight increase and new growth in real estate has continued to be minimal. Specific budget differences over the past year for our larger departments are as follows:

School Department:	3.00%	($ 350,000)
Police Department:	5.35%	($ 53,000)
Fire Department:	4.18%	($ 26,850)
Highway Department:	4.77%	($ 25,100)
Employee Benefits:	10.00%	($ 200,000)
Debt Service:	- 0.08%	($ -475,000)

The town continues to be in a stagnant fiscal position. We are faced with modestly increasing revenue that force the town to consider slowing cost increases, and/or a need for increases in property taxes. In order to sustain the town's financial wellbeing, it is necessary for all expenditures to be carefully considered. Areas of savings such as collaborative purchasing, combining positions/departments continue to be pursued. Grant opportunities are another area that we are encouraging town departments to take advantage of. We have continued to search out all opportunities for budget savings and revenue growth in the commercial sector.

It is imperative that we look for and consider additional, new and creative sources of revenue. This includes exploring commercial property development. To the extent that revenue provided from the State does not meet the needs of the town, new local sources of revenue must be obtained. There are substantial capital needs that the town will face in the future including renovations at the Town Hall and School Buildings. These needs cannot be addressed without a revenue source.

The Finance Committee is diligently working to maintain budget levels that include a minimal reduction in taxpayer services however because we rely so heavily on state funding, much of our future lies in the state legislators hands. In the meantime, we work diligently to maintain stability in the budget.

100 GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY15	FY16
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	200	200
EXPENSES	0	0
TOWN MODERATOR	200	200
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	5,850	5,850
EXPENSES	8,550	8,000
SELECTMEN	14,400	13,850
SALARIES	125,700	128,214
EXPENSES	37,530	41,500
COORDINATOR	163,230	169,714
SALARY, APPOINTED	4,140	2,100
EXPENSES	925	200
FINANCE COMMITTEE	5,065	2,300
RESERVE FUND	125,000	100,000
SALARIES	77,303	67,858
EXPENSES	24,350	23,450
ACCOUNTANT	101,653	91,308
SALARIES, PERMANENT	102,915	105,381
SALARIES, APPOINTED	1,665	1,665
EXPENSES	22,295	25,945
ASSESSORS	126,875	132,991
SALARIES, PERMANENT	116,343	119,939
EXPENSES	39,900	44,900
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	156,243	164,839
TOWN COUNSEL	60,000	30,000
TAX TITLE	4,500	4,350
SALARIES, ELECTED	45,588	45,480
SALARIES, PERMANENT	22,430	22,880
EXPENSES	3,540	1,740
TOWN CLERK	71,558	70,100
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	4,200	2,800
EXPENSES	4,000	2,800
ELECTIONS	8,200	5,600
SALARIES	1,600	1,600
EXPENSES	3,600	3,600
REGISTRATION	5,200	5,200
SALARY	600	600
EXPENSES	600	300
PARKING CLERK	1,200	900
SALARY, APPOINTED	2,340	2,340
EXPENSES	0	0
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	2,340	2,340
SALARIES PERMANENT	1,200	1,200
SALARIES APPOINTED OFFICIALS	3,330	3,330
EXPENSES	2,100	2,040
PLANNING BOARD	6,630	6,570
SALARIES PERMANENT	900	0
SALARIES APPOINTED OFFICIALS	2,340	2,340
EXPENSES	2,100	2,940
ZONING BOARD	5,340	5,280
COMPUTER	39,500	44,150
PUBLIC BLD - TOWN HALL	95,255	63,400
TOTAL - GENERAL GOVT	*992,389*	*913,092*

200 PUBLIC SAFETY	FY15	FY16
SALARIES	886,014	917,921
EXPENSES	154,031	122,336
POLICE	1,040,045	1,040,257
DISPATCH SALARIES	207,029	214,023
DISPATCH EXPENSE	23,000	24,800
DISPATCH	230,029	238,823
SALARIES	548,276	581,972
EXPENSES	121,894	104,610
FIRE	670,170	686,582
POLICE DETAIL SALARIES	10,000	10,000
TOWN POLICE DETAIL	10,000	10,000
SALARIES	27,485	27,958
EXPENSES	3,500	3,405
BUILDING INSPECTOR	30,985	31,363
SALARY & WAGES PERM	7,500	7,275
EXPENSES	500	500
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	8,000	7,775
SALARY & WAGES PERM	7,500	7,275
EXPENSES	500	500
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	8,000	7,775
SALARIES	750	750
WEIGHTS & MEASURES	750	750
CIVIL DEFENSE (EMS)	6,000	5,820
SALARY & WAGES PERM.	7,577	0
EXPENSES	300	7,350
DOG OFFICER	7,877	7,350
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICAL	900	900
EXPENSES	20,500	19,850
FORESTRY-TREE PLANTIN	21,400	20,750
FORESTRY-PEST CONTROL	275	275
FORESTRY-DUTCH ELM	450	450
TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	*2,033,981*	*2,057,970*

300 EDUCATION		
SCHOOL DEPT	*10,516,510*	*11,033,629*

400 PUBLIC WORKS		
SALARIES, ELECTED	1,980	1,980
SALARIES, PERMANENT	337,214	348,162
EXPENSES	212,550	192,550
HIGHWAY	551,744	542,692
SALARIES	20,000	20,000
EXPENSES	105,000	105,000
SNOW REMOVAL	125,000	125,000
STREET LIGHTING	55,000	55,000
SALARY, PERMANENT	0	0
EXPENSES	3,350	3,350
CEMETERY	3,350	3,350
TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	*735,094*	*726,042*

500 HUMAN SERVICES	FY15	FY16
SALARY & WAGES PERM	49,834	53,064
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	1,665	1,665
EXPENSES	428,484	403,413
HEALTH OFFICER	479,983	458,142
SALARIES	56,770	66,563
EXPENSES	21,700	22,700
COUNCIL ON AGING	78,470	89,263
SALARY, PERMANENT	3,600	3,600
EXPENSES	27,797	27,797
VETERANS	31,397	31,397
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	135	135
TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	*589,985*	*578,937*

600 CULTURE AND RECREATION		
SALARY & WAGES PERM	160,706	163,920
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	1,440	1,440
EXPENSES	95,567	93,618
LIBRARY	257,713	258,978
SALARY, PERMANENT	34,782	36,000
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	1,440	1,440
EXPENSES	26,400	25,600
PARKS	62,622	63,040
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE-BED SHOI	5,030	4,975
EXPENSES	2,570	2,535
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	2,570	2,535
MEMORIAL DAY	300	300
CULTURAL COUNCIL	4,000	3,880
TOTAL - CULTURE AND REC	*332,235*	*333,708*

700 DEBT SERVICE		
RETIREMENT OF DEBT - PRINC	1,009,148	1,044,308
RETIREMENT OF DEBT - INT	277,686	183,101
TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	*1,286,834*	*1,227,409*

800 INTERGOVERNMENTAL		
COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	694,247	693,509
TOTAL INTERGOV.	*694,247*	*693,509*

900 MISCELLANEOUS		
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATIC	20,000	20,000
MEDICARE	169,950	175,049
HEALTH AND LIFE INS. PREM	2,100,000	2,400,000
WORKERS COMP PREMIUMS	85,000	93,107
LIABILITY INSURANCE	156,000	179,000
TOTAL - MISCELLANEOUS	*2,530,950*	*2,867,156*

TOTAL	19,712,225	20,431,451

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Thomas M. Daige – Fire Chief

In Fiscal Year 2015 the Hopedale Fire Department responded to 1,245 total incident responses, a 9% increase from FY14. Of those 1,245 incidents, 905 (73%) were for Medical Emergencies and 304 (27%) were for Fire related incidents. The Fire related incidents included 16 Building Fires which included a total dollar loss of $250,750.00.

The Fire Department staffing consists of a full time Fire Chief, eight (8) full time Firefighter/EMT's/Paramedics (Two on-duty 24 hours a day, 7 days/week) and sixteen (16) Call Firefighters. All members of the fire department have been trained to the minimum standard of nationally recognized Firefighter Level I.

The Fire Department currently has two pumpers that continue to cost the town money with frequent repairs and maintenance needed to ensure safety and reliability. The plan has been, and continues to be, to replace both our 28 year old Engine 4 and our 21 year old Engine 3 with the one new engine at the cost of approximately 600,000.00. The life expectancy of these vehicles is about 20 years. Our front line engine, Engine 2, is already 13 years old and the town should start planning for that replacement. The Insurance Standards Organization (ISO) sets the home insurance rates from residents and business owners depending on things such as apparatus availability, what percent of the town is protected with fire hydrants and the number of available firefighters to name a few. Our ISO rating will fall causing residents and business owners' insurance rates to increase if the current fleet isn't kept in working order, we don't have working hydrants and/or we cannot respond to the incidents we are sent to.

The biggest issue that the Fire Department is currently facing is multiple incidents occurring at the same time. There were 97 times in FY15 where the two (2) on-duty Firefighters were at an incident and another incident came in. This 2nd occurring incident requires the response of off-duty career members as well as Call Firefighters causing a delay in response. Our average response time of on-duty Firefighters is less than 2 minutes. The average response time for off-duty and Call Firefighters to respond from home, get in the apparatus and respond to the incident is 9 minutes. If we need to rely on mutual aid this response time grows to 12 minutes. A fire doubles in size every 30 seconds.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas M. Daige

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Fire Chief

Historical Commission Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2015

Historical Commission: Jonathan Chase, Chairman; Raymond Andreotti, Treasurer; Suzan Ciaramicoli, Recording Secretary; Kelly Merchant, and Frederick G. Oldfield, III

Little Red Shop Museum Volunteer Curator: Suzan Ciaramicoli

The Hopedale Historical Commission (HHC), as appointed by the Board of Selectmen; and in partnership with the Little Red Shop Museum's (LRSM) Volunteer Curator; continues to oversee the operations and contents of the town-owned Museum. Built in 1841, the LRSM is the Town's oldest industrial building and home to the original Draper Shop.

When the building was moved to its current location in 1951, Draper Corporation opened it as a corporate museum. The building and its contents were gifted from Draper Corporation's successor, Rockwell International Corporation, and accepted at Hopedale's Annual Town Meeting on May 5, 1975.

The Little Red Shop resumed operation as a Museum in October 2009. The Museum is staffed solely by volunteers and is open year-round to the public. In addition to a small budget from the Town, the Museum is supported in part with volunteers and funds from the Friends of Historic Hopedale (FoHH), an independent 501(c) 3 non-profit.

The Historical Commission continues to maintain a strong and viable relationship with the National Park Service (NPS) and the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Inc. (BRVNHC).

In April, the Commission was awarded a $15,000 grant from the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc. (BHC). It will be used for reimbursement of funds expended for the training of an all-volunteer staff in the best cataloging practices for the LRSM; cataloging its various artifacts and documents; FY 2016 storage fees for looms; and, consultant fees for the development of a LRSM strategic master plan, statement of vision, and, collections policy.

In May, with grant money from the BRVNHC, the HHC sponsored, approved, and installed an interpretive sign about the Hopedale Community House and the Unitarian Church.

Execution of the final placement of the LRSM's 10-loom collection is nearing completion, with seven looms going to the Noble and Cooley Center for Historic Preservation (NCCHP) in Granville, Massachusetts for long-term storage; the Atwood silk loom being donated to the Windham Textile and History Museum (WTHM) in Willimantic, Connecticut; and the Northrop and barn looms remaining at the Museum.

At its April 1st meeting, the HHC, by a unanimous vote, reaffirmed the mission of the LRSM that was put forth by the HHC when the LRSM reopened in 2009. It was then established that the LRSM would be about "*all* Hopedale history," not just about looms and/or the Draper

Corporation. The mission was substantiated in a report, ***The Red Shop's Future***, published in March 2003 by the BRVNHC/NPS. It provided a summary of recommendations from the community workshop held in Hopedale on December 4, 2002. Those recommendations were to help guide future planning efforts for the Red Shop.

The LRSM Committee, an ad hoc committee of the HHC, was dissolved on April 1st. The HHC unanimously voted to fully absorb any functions, of the ad hoc LRSM Committee, into the HHC.

As of December 19, 2014, the Blackstone River Valley (BRV) became the 402nd unit of the National Park Service, with its mission being to create a world-class, bi-state National Park that will interpret the nationally significant sites and districts that convey the industrial history of the BRV, and work to support the network of partners and stakeholders, related resources, and, facilities throughout the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor.

The Hopedale Village Historic District was named a partner and stakeholder in the park legislation. The NPS has begun holding stakeholder meetings to discuss the planning process and to answer any questions about the new Park. The first Hopedale "stakeholder" meeting was held in July; including representatives of the Board of Selectmen; Planning Board; Town Administrator; and Hopedale Historical Commission.

The NPS wants to partner with stakeholders to bring resources and rangers to the "mill" villages; to offer outreach and education to our community. As its part, Hopedale would need to lead a local effort to establish a local historic district (LHD). LHD's can help to bring tourism, economic development, and open up grant opportunities.

The BHC Partnership Grant Project, establishment of a LHD, and the remediation of the moisture problem in the LRSM basement (study published in 2013) will no doubt require much attention by members of the HHC, other volunteers, and our Community going forward.

The HHC continues to work with its partners to "preserve our history together."

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan L. Ciaramicoli, Recording Secretary

On behalf of:

Jonathan Chase, Chairman
Raymond Andreotti, Treasurer
Kelly Merchant
Frederick G. Oldfield, III

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RFPORT FOR THE HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR 2015

The annual meeting of the Authority was held on June 8, 2015; the following were elected or appointed to office:

Nancilee Fuller	Chairman
Patricia C. Johnson	Vice Chairman
Jason MacDonald	Treasurer
Barbara Oman	Assistant Treasurer
* State Appointee	vacant
Katherine E. Consigli	Executive Director and Secretary

The Elderly/Disabled Housing Projects 667-1 and 667-2, known as Griffin-Dennett Developments, consist of eighty apartments and is managed according to the rules and regulations set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Authority meets on the second Monday of each month and the annual meeting is usually held on the second, Monday in May. The Authority held twelve regular meetings during the period of June 9, 2014 through June 8, 2015.

The Authority recently replaced all the Sidewalks in the Development with Concrete. The Housing Authority was awarded funding from the Department of Housing and Communities Development to replace the flooring on the balconies in the Dennett apartment buildings. Future plans are to replace the hallway flooring in the Griffin apartment buildings.

The property and buildings are continual maintained and upgraded, throughout the year to insure a safe and healthy environment for all of its tenants.

There is a current waiting list and local residents are given preference according to State Regulations.

Respectfully Submitted
Katherine E. Consigli
Executive Director

Bancroft Memorial Library

"The goal of the Bancroft Memorial Library, as a community resource of topical and historic resources, is to provide free access to informational materials necessary for the exchange of ideas and independent decisions." *Bancroft Memorial Library Mission Statement from the Library Policy and Procedures Manual (1989).*

As the town library completes its 129th year of library service to the residents of Hopedale, the library continues to be a busy resource for programs, items circulated to our patrons, Internet access and community meeting space.

An exciting addition to the library entrance was the placing of a granite bench in front of the library donated in memory of long time Children's Librarian, Mrs. Marjorie Hattersley, by her family. Many thanks to the town highway department for pouring a concrete base and installing the bench. We expect it will provide an enjoyable resting place for many patrons over the coming years.

The library also qualified for a new Heat Regulator for the furnace which was installed to lower heating costs. It was recommended and paid for through NSTAR Energy Efficiency Audit grant.

Library statistics for FY2015:

Bancroft Memorial Library physical holdings:

Books	29,819
Book on CD/cassettes	1,233
Music CDs	824
DVDs/VHS tapes	1,954
Print periodicals	62
Miscellaneous items	311
Total items in collection:	34,203

Circulation figures for FY2015:

Adult items checked out	19,412
Young Adult items checked out	1,419
Children's Room items checked out	11,767
Total items loaned	32,598

Many items have been added to the downloadable audio and e-books collection, a shared resource through the C/WMARS consortium. Library patrons had free access to 26,952 downloadable electronic books and 7,902 downloadable audio books from their home computers as of June 30, 2015. In FY2015, Hopedale residents borrowed 1,418 electronic books, a 40% increase over FY2014 and 679 audio books, a 116% increase in use over FY2014.

The Bancroft Memorial Library subscribes to sixty-three print magazines and seven online reference resources, many of which are accessible from home. The C/WMARS digital catalog added 117 downloadable full text and full image magazines to their collection this year providing a new e-resource for anyone with a C/WMARS library card.

The Grolier Online and World Book subscriptions allow access to encyclopedia reference resources to patrons at home and at Hopedale schools with age defined versions of each. Heritage Quest provides resource tools from home for genealogical reference and Ancestry.com (library version) is available in the library.

The library was open 36 hours a week (except for July and August) and averaged 381 patron visits per week during FY2015. There are 3,186 registered library users in Hopedale. Our terrific volunteers donated in excess of 554 hours and Senior Tax Program workers put in many hours keeping the books shelved and assisting with an assortment of library jobs.

Our continued membership in the C/WMARS consortium allowed Hopedale residents to receive 4,740 items loaned from other libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts.

The Marjorie Hattersley Children's Room is always a busy area in the library. During the year 1,635 children and adults attended 129 children's programs and 141 teens attended 13 "just for teens" programs.

Summer Reading is a highlight of the library year for children. The science based theme for the six week Summer Reading program (June – August, 2014) was *Fizz, Boom, Read* for children and *Spark a Reaction* for teens. Young patrons attended book groups, story times, Lego play, special programs and Theatre Camp.

As part of the summer reading program, Mrs. Kraimer worked with the middle school teachers to continue the "Bingo" challenge for teens and tweens. The students filled a "Spark a Reaction" Bingo sheet and were given credit for volunteer time, reading and attending programs. When they filled in all 9 squares they received a prize and English course credit for the upcoming school year.

Special programs included a visit from Science Tellers with science stories and activities; "Let's raise the Roost" brought live chicks; the Museum of Science presented "Science Magic"; and the Hampstead Players presented the play "Alice in Wonderland."

During the school year, a Preschool Story Time and a Mother Goose Toddler Story Time were presented each week for four 6 week sessions. Afterschool programs included Lego Days, Movie Days and weekly special after school programs.

Family programs included a "Halloween Story Time" and the annual "Owl Moon Story Time" with Dorothy Suszanska. A special "Holiday Bake-Off" in December encouraged students to make a special treat to share and a vote was held for the best recipe. Younger children gathered to decorate Gingerbread Houses. "Bring your Child to the Library Day" was celebrated in February with breakfast and a visit with the Animal Craze Baby Animals Petting Zoo. School vacation weeks featured movies, stories and craft programs for school age children. To celebrate Flag Day in June, Kathy Earabino led a sing-along musical tribute, "You're a Grand Old Flag," for parents and children.

The Monday afternoon Beginning Knitting Group for children in grades 3 and up met at the Library regularly throughout the year and they joined together to knit a wheel chair afghan which was donated to the Ledges.

Mrs. Kraimer and Mrs. Verdolino, the Reading Specialist at Memorial Elementary School, continued their very successful annual "Check-It-Out Challenge" during the month of October, a program to encourage students in grades K-3 to visit the library and apply for library cards. The students in Mrs. Casey's 2nd grade class won the challenge. They made the most visits to check out books through the month. They enjoyed a special library

evening with a pizza dinner and the Mad Science program. The presenters remarked that our Hopedale students are among the best behaved audiences!

Mrs. Kraimer and Mrs. Fields were happy to participate in Community Reading Day in May at Hopedale Memorial School where they shared a favorite book and told students about their jobs. Mrs. Kraimer also joined Hopedale Memorial School parents and teachers who read stories at Barnes and Nobles for the P.A.C.E. fund raiser.

Sixty-eight adult events including weekly knitting session with the Knovel Knitters, book group discussions and programs sponsored by the Friends of the Hopedale Library were attended by 442 people.

The Friends of the Hopedale Library, who always work hard to provide a variety of excellent programs for adults, provide funding for our children's programs also sponsor passes to many area museums. Fall adult programs included Ken Warchol, Worcester County Bee Keeper's discussion of "Beekeeping in Massachusetts, a tour of "Haunted Lighthouses of New England" presented by Jeremy D'Entremont and "Easy Walks in Massachusetts" with local Bellingham author Marjorie Turner Hollman. In December Betty Sanders, aka "Betty the Gardner," created lovely "Holiday Arrangements from your yard" which were auctioned after the program.

The New Year started with "Eating for Energy and Better Sleep" with Certified Holistic Health and Wellness coaches Donna Reese and Lousie Kulig. John Root presented a timely look at "Organic Gardening for Everyone" and Stephen Collins brought Walt Whitman to life as he became the famous poet in "An Evening with Walt Whitman."

The Friends' major fund raisers were the November and May Book, Bake and Raffle Sales. Many hours of planning and work go into the book sales and other events. Our Friends of the Hopedale Library are a special group and are greatly appreciated for the time they devote to the library. A special thanks to Mrs. Gruppi for the beautiful flowers she watered all summer in the planters in front of the library.

The Statue of Hope Plaza received its annual cleaning in June, 2015 and was covered November, 2014 to April, 2015. The extreme amount of snow this winter caused minor damage to the 15 year old tent and it will be repaired for fall, 2015.

The Bancroft Memorial Library continues to face the challenge of limited parking for patrons. The on street parking is often full, especially when there are children's programs. The building is also in need of repointing and exterior cleaning. The gutters were examined after the winter of 2014-2015 and sections of the 116 year old copper gutters are bent, have leaks and need replacing

Our Children's Librarian, Mrs. Elaine Kraimer celebrated 20 years at the Bancroft Memorial Library this year. We appreciate her dedication to the children and families of Hopedale. The staff under the direction of Mrs. Ann Fields deserves special thanks for the great service they provide and willingness to cheerfully tackle new projects. They are truly the most valuable resource in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Oldfield, III
Library Board of Trustees Chair

Nancy Kelly Verdolino
Katherine M. Wright

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Park Commission

Daniel Iacovelli, Chair
Rob Jackson
Donald Howes

The Park Commission did not submit FY15 Annual Report

Planning Board

The Planning Board of Hopedale meets on every first Wednesday of every Month. This year we have not had any major new business with residential development but we have helped many residences upgrade, expand and make certain sales of their property in town. We have also worked with commercial developers in town to help them move forward with projects, make it easier to expand their business operations, but always looking out for the best interests of the town and its residents.

After 18 plus months of work by this Board to review and propose to the Town an Adult Entertainment Overlay District, we were able to successfully get a final proposal for the Town meeting in the spring. We reviewed locations all over town, had a spirited public hearing with all of the abutters and some residents present, and we cast a unanimous vote 5-0 to propose the district on Route 140 up by the town line of Upton. It made the warrant and was up for debate and vote at Town Meeting. I regret to say that it did not pass the required 2/3 majority so it did not pass. This Board strongly feels this is a big mistake and remains disappointed in the outcome.

We have started discussion and proposal of more General Business rezoning on Hartford Ave., which we look to have to vote at the special Town Meeting in the Fall. We have also started to look at the same rezoning proposal for parts of Route 140, but that will be targeted for Spring 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Keyes, Chairman

Members:

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Mark A. Giovanella
Chief of Police

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, residents, community members, colleagues, neighbors, and friends; it is my pleasure to present you with the Hopedale Police Department's FY2015 Annual Report.

On behalf of the Hopedale Police Department, I offer my admiration to our government leaders, residents, and business partners for their continuous support and understanding of our critical work and responsibilities. As Chief of Police of the Town of Hopedale, I take great pride in our Police Department's effectiveness in working with our community. The members of the Hopedale Police Department are committed to providing the best possible policing services to our residents and recognize that successful policing cannot be done without the support of the community.

During the most recent fiscal year, we have experienced little to no change in the difficult economic climate which we have become all too familiar with. As the economic hardship continues, members of the Hopedale Police Department continue to seek out new avenues to reduce operating expenses without jeopardizing our ability to complete our mission. Our commitment to service and protection of the public is unwavering and we greatly value the confidence and support we receive from community members. We take pride in the performance of our duty and strive to maintain continuous partnerships with all of our community members.

Policing continues to become more complex, requiring more expertise from your law enforcement community, but at the same time we must continue our traditional efforts such as: traffic enforcement, routine patrols, responding to various emergencies and maintaining a rapport with our citizens to foster trust and maintain lines of communication. We continue to evaluate programs and initiatives; making adjustments as needed, to best serve our community, ensuring that front line traditional policing initiatives of answering emergencies *are not compromised*. Teamwork, community policing, standardization, and professionalism, are a few qualities that the Hopedale Police Department has continued to demonstrate this year, and throughout our history. We are *your* Police Department. The majority of our time, effort and services are geared towards crime prevention and the safety of our residents. Every day we strive to diligently seek out and stop crime before it finds us. Outstanding professional efforts by patrol officers and investigators throughout the year have resulted in many successful arrests.

Our Community Policing efforts will continue with participation in the collection of Toys for Tots, Halloween Parade, Day in the Park and the Vehicle Fair. We were able to obtain $60,000.00 for dispatch 911 equipment from Senator Ryan Fattman's Office, A $30,000.00 in grant from federal

and state monies to upgrade our camera recording system/electronic security system and we have applied for the COPS More Grant and should have the results of the grant in September of 2015. We were able to secure free gun locks from the Federal Government to hand out to our citizens who need them. We were able to renew the grant monies for the officer's bullet proof vests as well as $30,000.00 from Representative John Fernandes's office to assist towards the upgrade of radios for the cruisers and portables for the officers.

Since the Town of Hopedale has reinstated its dispatch, we continue to receive positive feedback from our residents. The continued professional relationship between the staff at Upton PD and Hopedale PD has been absolutely phenomenal. We have maintained an open line of communication between the two agencies when issues arise and they are dealt with immediately and in a professional manner. The Dispatch Staff in Hopedale continues to do a great job. They conduct themselves in a professional manner that would reflect highly on the Town of Hopedale as is expected.

While the Grafton Upton Railroad continues to develop and create additional opportunities for the Town through additional revenue, we also continue to monitor two additional projects that would have an impact to the town as a whole as well as Public Safety. Those would be the potential development of the old Draper Mill and the increased traffic flow as a result of neighboring towns commercializing route 16 and route 140.

Our duty, as police officers, is not limited to patrolling the streets of Hopedale, but also to finding proactive ways to keep our community informed. This information enables our citizens to make better decisions about their safety. As we look forward to FY2016, we stand ready to manage many challenges knowing we have the support and cooperation of our community. Our commitment to you has never been stronger and our dedication to keeping Hopedale safe for our residents and visitors is our highest priority. We feel fortunate to serve the people of Hopedale and will strive to maintain our reputation of community commitment for many years to come.

To the members of the Community – I would also like to thank those who throughout the year have sent notes, made phone calls and have stopped by to speak to me personally regarding the professionalism of the officers that serve this community.

Your expressions of thanks are greatly appreciated. If you have any comments or suggestions, which you feel would be beneficial to us in better serving you, please let us know. You can check us out on FACEBOOK and TWITTER, you can telephone me at 508-473-8444, stop by the Police Station, or send us a note. Again, I am truly honored to serve you as the Chief of Police.

Sincerely,
Mark A. Giovanella
Chief of Police

HOPEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal 2015 Monthly Stats

TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

	Jul 2014	Aug 2014	Sept 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	May 2015	Jun 2015	Total For Year
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Accidents Responded Too	2	2	5	6	14	6	6	2	6	5	3	6	62
Total # Of Parking Tickets Issued	5	5	1	1	39	14	3	1	0	0	2	3	74
Total # Of Vehicles Towed	12	15	10	9	13	7	8	8	6	4	5	10	107
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Lockouts	0	0	2	1	6	2	3	5	3	0	4	5	31
Total # Of Disabled Auto/Public Assist	8	5	8	7	9	8	10	10	10	6	6	9	96
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Thefts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Stops	228	182	150	111	123	108	134	67	117	113	188	130	1651
Total # Of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	259	195	176	122	140	122	142	79	137	128	192	143	1835
Total # Of Written/Verbal Warnings Issued	219	164	157	96	116	110	128	59	112	94	170	110	1535
Total # Of Hours Spent On Selective Enforcement	10	5	14	8	15	10	7	5	27	14	19	5	139
Total # Of Hours Spent For School Resource Officer	1	7	23	23	17	11	15	10	13	30	20	12	192
Total # Of Hours Spent On Preventative Patrolling	1073	1043	1127	1067	1078	1094	1087	962	1025	1036	1053	939	12579
Total # Of Hours Spent At Court	38	35	17	40	8	34	27	11	21	23	5	6	265
Total # Of Hours Spent On Community Policing	3	2	7	23	12	5	4	1	4	8	9	6	84
Total # Of Hours Assisting Other Agencies	7	4	6	11	10	7	12	17	16	8	4	12	114

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Total # Of Alarm Calls	16	11	12	15	29	13	17	17	18	11	17	10	186
Total # Of Harassing Phone Calls	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	9
Total # Of Breaking & Entering	0	0	6	0	1	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	18
Total # Of Summons Served / Delivered	17	7	5	5	12	4	3	5	5	3	3	7	76
Total # Of Criminal Damage	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	8
Total # Of Missing Persons / Runaway / Juvenile	1	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	11
Total # Of Property Checks Made	335	184	103	176	148	150	154	155	274	256	276	249	2450
Total # Of 911 Calls	30	23	22	34	27	35	38	29	15	17	22	29	301
Total # Of Disturbance / Fight Calls	12	8	11	10	4	3	2	6	2	10	6	12	86
Total # Of Animal Complaint Calls	16	15	19	14	6	6	6	9	7	10	19	19	146
Total # Of Arrests	24	18	10	13	11	4	10	11	11	13	7	19	151
Total # Of Officer Investigative Cases	319	271	223	208	217	188	193	119	178	181	276	234	2607
Total # Of Field Interviews	6	13	7	18	8	7	8	12	11	22	23	18	155
Total # Of Calls For Service	1403	1177	1127	1183	1141	1077	1091	961	1350	1257	1394	1274	14435

Board of Road Commissioners

7 Depot Street
Hopedale, MA 01747

The Board of Road Commissioners meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the Highway Department Office located at 7 Depot St. The officers for the year were Eli Potty, Chairman, George Lovewell, Clerk and John Farrar, Inspector. Mr. Potty was re-elected in May.

Our main topic this year was the "winter that was". It was without a doubt our most trying year to date. We were fortunate to operate under the worst of conditions with no let up to the storms and snowfall. Town roads were kept open with no major downtimes and our employees worked constantly keeping our equipment in shape. In the end, the analysis was that we were in the red for less than $109,850±, fairing much better than surrounding communities. It is noted that this money is reimbursed by state funds. This is a testament to the dedication and hard work of all the employees in this department.

For the remainder of the year, good weather allowed us to cold plan and hot top Freedom St. for a length of 3,160' x 35'. Funds were from the one time MassDot "pot hole repair" fund of $26,142.00 and Chapter 90 monies of $90,696.69 for a total of $116,838.69.

We also completed Phase II to Nelson, Thwing and Cook Streets, which included a hot top finish and new berms for a length of 1,089' x 33' for a total of $38,575.42.

We are pleased to report that Hopedale St. from the intersection of Rt.16 to Greene St. was cold planned and hot topped for a length of 2,600' x 23'. Total cost was $83,960.59.

A section of Greene St was cold planned and hot topped for a length of 4,000' x 24', with the total cost being $115,575.01.

These projects were done with Chapter monies and the prudent planning of this Board to bring forward allocated monies from various accounts and Town Meeting articles.

We have stripped roadways throughout the town for a length of 81,210' with 4" yellow lines and a total of 57,089' with white lines.

It is to be noted that upon the advice and opinion of Town Consul, we no longer maintain Fitzgerald Drive as it is a private way.

Our leaf pick-up program continues to go smoothly as well as the spring clean up of salt/sand and debris; and the sickle mowing along edges of roads, allowing better sightlines, also went well. We continue to work with the Board of Health in making available our facility for their annual rabies clinic, and we continue to work with the local utility companies to service their needs. Our enrollment in neighboring town coops gives us the opportunity to obtain competitive prices for materials and manpower, thus saving the town money.

Respectfully submitted,
Eli Potty, Chairman
George Lovewell
John Farrar

Hopedale School Committee

25 Adin Street
Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747
508-634-2220

Hopedale School Committee Members	
Lisa Alberto	Term Expires 2016
Lori Hampsch	Term Expires 2018
Grace Pool	Term Expires 2018
Sandra Biagetti	Term Expires 2016
Craig Adams	Term Expires 2017

Class of 2015

Alden, Carly^*	Kelley, Samantha*
Alves, Anthony	Kelley, Sydney
Apicella, Nicole*	Kelly, Megan^*
Bedard, Matthew	Klei, Rachael*
Bird, Lauren	Klei, Rebecca*
Borodenko, Yaroslav^*	Lambert, Sarah^*
Brake, Tanner	Lawrence, Sam*
Bresciani, Kevin	Leke, William
Brunson, Tristan	Lynch, Kevin
Burke, Brendon	Madden, Alexandra
Caron, Angela	Manczurowsky, Sofia*
Chiacchia, Dante	Manoli, Daniel*
Cormier, Thomas Jr.	Maynard, Jennifer
Csiszer, Dalton	McDermott, Caroline*
DaFonte, Alexa*	McMullen, James
Davis, Cameron*	Mendez, Charliana*
DeLoia, Tyler	Moore, Jennifer
Dias, Camryn	Morrison, Nicholas*
DiCiaccio, Joseph	Mulroney, Madeleine*
Dietz, Quinton	Munroe, Taylor
Espanet, Mark	Niziak, Chase*
Farhat, K-yana^	Norris, Jessica
Ferrucci, Angela	O'Connell, Abigail
Finnegan, Patrick	Ortiz, Josiah
Fishlock, Garrett	Pedroli, Michael
Flores, Justina	Reid, Olivia
Foley, Stephen*	Rice, Joseph
Frongillo, Selena^*	Rizzo, Katelyn^
Gates, Emmalee	Rodrigues, Luke
Gentile, Gina^*	Savoie, Joseph
Greenberg, MacKenzie^*	Shaw, Colleen
Greenberg, Morgan*	Sousa, Julian
Grider, Joseph	Sparks, Madeline^
Guyon, Emily*	Sprowl, Dawson
Harmon, Macklin	Szemethy, Savannah*
Haskell, Thomas	Turenne, Keiralee
Hodgens, Maureen*	Walker, Cameron
Hukanovic, Medina	Wild Owl, Dawn
Iacovelli, Natalie*	Wollensak, Ryan^*
Johnston, Holly*	Xu, Jingya
Kangis, Christopher	York, Kathryn*
Keaney, Collin*	Yousef, Ramez
Keenan, Alexa	Zonghi, Bryanne*

*National Honor Society**
*Student Council Members in good standing^*

The Hopedale School Committee hereby approves this and the attached Report of the Superintendent of Schools as the Annual Report of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Pool, Chairperson

Hopedale Public Schools
Office of the Superintendent
2014-2015 School Year

Highlights from 2014-2015 include:

Fiscal Responsibility

- The District Budget Book for FY 15 demonstrated the responsible use of tax dollars and transparency for the allocation of funds
- Continuation of the pay-to-ride transportation system covered approximately 16% of total transportation costs
- Athletic fees offset 42% of the total athletic budget
- Summer painting projects were completed by summer support staff under the direction of our Facilities Director at a substantial savings

Initiatives

Bright Beginnings Center: Enrollment- 83

- Staff continued to examine their curriculum and skill development. The continued focus was on aligning to the Common Core Standards. New STEM materials were purchased to support this effort
- Curriculum Mapping continued to be implemented during professional development time
- The Social Thinking curriculum continued to be implemented with some opportunities for further development and growth
- With the support of Friends of Bright Beginners, a school garden was planted

Memorial School: Enrollment- 540

- Curriculum Chairpersons and Grade Level Leaders led the district initiative of curriculum mapping for ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science
- Progress monitoring continued to be a focus with common assessments discussed and developed
- MCAS data was analyzed by grade level and curriculum teams with the information shared across grade levels
- The tiered instruction process will continue to be reviewed to further develop regular education supports to meet the learning needs of all students

Junior/Senior High School: Enrollment- 501

- Curriculum Mapping has continued with Curriculum Leaders and Department Heads leading the district in updating information for courses
- Data gained through standardized tests, formative and summative assessments continues to be used to inform instruction
- The Peer Mentoring Program continued to assist students in the transition to the JSHS

- The NEASC evaluation report was shared with the district and some professional development time was devoted to addressing some areas of concern

District Initiatives:

- Continued implementation of the new Massachusetts Educator Evaluation model
- The School Committee continued their work to improve and update the District Policy Manual
- The Director of Pupil Personnel Services provided information and support to staff in regards to Civil Rights ensuring all staff members were made aware of issues pertaining to confidentiality, diversity, and harassment
- Social Thinking, Open Circle, and Advisor-Advisee have continued to focus on the social-emotional needs of students
- District Determined Measures have started to be developed as a means to collect data on student progress

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela J. Smith
Interim Superintendent

FY15 Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen under the Chairmanship of Sandra Biagetti was presented with a number of challenges in Fiscal 2015 and was able to tackle these challenges efficiently and effectively. The Board continued to operate in a fiscally conservative manner and stay within the budget voted by the taxpayers of the Town of Hopedale.

The Board unfortunately had to address the untimely death of friend and colleague Selectwoman and Town Clerk Janet O. Jacaruso. Janet embodied what a public servant should be in that she cared deeply about the Town of Hopedale and its citizens and in doing the best possible job for the Town while faced with personal challenges of her own; Janet will be missed by all but her vision for the Town of Hopedale will live on. The Board also was faced with the unexpected passing of Superintendent of Schools Dennis Breen and the void his passing presents to the Hopedale School Department and its leadership.

Fiscal 2015 also brought the one of the snowiest and most difficult winters on record in the Town of Hopedale and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the leadership of the Board of Selectmen was evident during this time in making sure services were not interrupted to the residents of the Town and all were kept informed of issues throughout the difficult weather events.

The Board did welcome in May of this year a new member Thomas A. Wesley, Mr. Wesley brings a wealth of knowledge from the private sector as well as previous experience on a number of private boards and as a member of the Fin Com for the Town of Hopedale, his experience and ideas were welcomed by his colleagues.

In February the Town of Hopedale discussed becoming a Purple Heart Community and what would need to be done for this to occur. The Board also met with the Water and Sewer Commissioners to discuss a potential solar project on Town owned land. The Board also took steps to ensure that the Town Clerks office would remain open to the public and began the process of appointing retired Town Clerks from around the Commonwealth to fill open hours in the office.

In March the Selectmen opened a Warrant for a Special Town Meeting to be held on March 31st and also opened the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 19, 2015.

In April the Board accepted the resignation of Mary Draper, the Assistant Town Clerk with regret and discussed the Animal Control Officer Position with the Board of Health Commissioners and to consider placing the oversight of the position under the Board of Selectmen and placing a Warrant Article on the Town Meeting Warrant, ultimately it was decided to not do so. The Board also met with the town Disabilities Commission to review the *ADA Existing Conditions Report* as prepared by Kessler McGuinness & Associates, LLC; after a presentation by David Kessler a principal for the company and discussion with the Disabilities Commission, the Board endorsed the finding of the report and committed to improving the conditions found. The Board also reviewed and considered bids for the Town Hall heating system and ultimately did not award a contract for the work as all the bids came in well above the budgeted amount.

In May the Town Election was held and Mr. Wesley was elected to the Board of Selectmen, the Board also approved a proclamation expressing the Town's desire to be designated a Purple Heart Community; this was sent to the Local District Commander for approval. The Board also accepted the resignation of long time Veteran's Agent Robin Fletcher. The Board also had discussion with the Hopedale Country Club regarding an amendment to the existing lease concerning the makeup of the Board of Directors and signed this amendment for recording at the Registry of Deeds. Town Meeting was held on May 19th and

the budget for year adopted. The new Board of Selectmen also voted to change the meeting agenda format and formally adopt Roberts Rules of Order as their means to conduct their meetings.

In June, the Board appointed Patrick D. Morris as the new Veterans Agent for the town, Renee Polechronis as a new clerk in the Assessors/Building Department as well as discussion for the Inter-municipal Agreement for Regional Dispatch Services between the Town of Hopedale and the Town of Upton.

The Board of Selectmen continues to work to maintain the level of services expected by the residents of the Town while paying close attention to the costs to provide those services. The Board always welcomes citizen input at their meetings, the first and third Monday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Biagetti, Chair
Robert P. Burns
Thomas A. Wesley

ANNUAL REPORT
OF TOWN COUNSEL
Fiscal Year 2015

During fiscal year 2015, Town Counsel was pleased to assist the Town, its Board of Selectmen and Town officials and employees on a variety of legal matters. Throughout the year, Town Counsel advised the Town on a number of litigation and non-litigation matters, attended Town Meeting, met with the Board of Selectmen and various other boards and Town officials, and worked with the Town to proactively resolve a number of legal matters.

Town Counsel continued to represent the Town in various ongoing litigation matters in state superior court, land court, and before various administrative boards. There are presently five pending litigation matters involving the Town. One is a case involving an abutter's appeal of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards Board of Appeals decision that an outdoor wood burning stove does not violate the State Building Code, and the others are labor arbitration matters.

During the past year, we also advised the Town on a number of labor and employment issues and labor negotiations. We also advised the Town on various real estate and contract matters, including the Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Project. Town Counsel has also regularly advised Town boards, including the Planning Board, on several land use matters.

Town Counsel prides itself on delivering timely, effective and concise responses to legal requests for advisory opinions. Throughout the fiscal year, we provided a number of opinion letters to the Town, including legal opinions regarding public records requests, open meeting law procedures, various issues presenting potential conflicts of interest, Historic Commission matters, private road maintenance, zoning and licensing matters, and municipal property acquisition. In addition, throughout the year, Town Counsel assisted in the review of articles for the Warrant for Town Meetings, attended Town Meetings, and attended various board meetings.

Town Counsel continued to actively reduce legal costs by sending out a number of memoranda on various issues of municipal law at no charge to the community and conducting informative webinar training seminars for Town officials to enjoy remotely. For example, we provided guidance as to Winter

Storm Juno and the various emergency powers of municipalities in the event of a natural disaster, the Massachusetts Minimum Wage Law, the Expanded Gaming Act, changes to the Massachusetts Campaign Finance Law, the new Parental Leave Act, the new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rule impacting proposed modifications to wireless facilities, and new laws impacting local alcohol licenses and self-distribution, to name a few. We also conducted webinar trainings for Town officials and employees on public and private ways and Massachusetts CORI Reform. All of these client advisories and trainings are offered at no cost to the Town.

We wish to express our continued sincere appreciation to all the people who have dedicated their time to the town government in Hopedale, especially the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, and department heads. Without their continued commitment, cooperation and assistance, our shared objectives on the Town's behalf could not be reached.

Respectfully submitted,

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

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REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR
Fiscal Year 2015

RECEIVABLES BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		
Fiscal 2012 & Prior	$50,724.97	
Fiscal 2013	$9,734.86	
Fiscal 2014	$9,494.88	
Fiscal 2015	$10,220.38	
		$80,175.09
REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Fiscal 2012 & Prior	$11,984.57	
Fiscal 2013	$12,014.97	
Fiscal 2014	$148,387.06	
Fiscal 2015	$706,988.93	
		$879,375.53
TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS		$463,720.03
TAX DEFERRAL ACCOUNT		$0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Fiscal 2012 & Prior	$88,889.97	
Fiscal 2013	$4,158.20	
Fiscal 2014	$12,026.92	
Fiscal 2015	$34,832.50	
		$139,907.59
TOTAL OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES		$1,563,178.24

Stephanie A. L'Etalien
Treasurer/Town Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

Non-Interest Bearing Accounts		
Cash in Office	$250.00	
		$250.00
Interest Bearing Checking Accounts		
Rockland - Vendor Account	$7.01	
UniBank - Payroll	$91,887.75	
UniBank - Elementary	$21,898.91	
UniBank - High School	$82,854.88	
		$196,648.55
Liquid Investments		
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	$631.92	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	$1,892.55	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	$3,840.52	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	$11,579.01	
Bartholomew - Performance Bond	$5,702.50	
Bartholomew Operating	$102,518.52	
Rockland Trust MM	$356,343.79	
Rockland Trust	$105,171.13	
Middlesex Savings MM	$558,407.71	
MMDT	$147,155.38	
Eastern Bank	$96,178.02	
Eastern Bank Water	$201.91	
UniBank MM	$965,506.40	
UniBank Depository	$141,223.15	
UniBank School Lunch	$53,862.49	
Fidelity Lockbox	$562,764.27	
Fidelity Lockbox Water & Sewer	$1,339,784.65	
Century Bank & Trust	$55,134.29	
UniBank FSA	$5,930.68	
UniBank Online Collections	$170,941.04	
Dean Bank	$7,567.59	
Rockland Trust Water & Sewer	$305,600.62	
		$4,997,938.14
Term Investments		
Bartholomew	$195,177.59	
Middlesex Savings	$109,656.18	
Sovereign Bank	$3,514.50	
		$308,348.27
Stabilization		
Bartholomew	$1,307,308.07	
Bartholomew - Town	$7,349.79	
		$1,314,657.86
Trust Funds		
Bartholomew	$88,016.13	
		$88,016.13
Total Cash and Investments		$6,905,858.95

Stephanie A. L'Etalien
Treasurer/Town Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER
Fiscal Year 2015

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF INTEREST EARNED

INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS		
Century Bank - Water & Sewer	$3,186 22	
Rockland - Vendor Account	$101.06	
Unibank - Payroll	$222.82	
		$3,510 10
LIQUID INVESTMENTS		
MMDT	$293.78	
Unibank Student Activities	$158.91	
Unibank Online Payments	$133.50	
Unibank FSA	$9 80	
Unibank Depository	$334.00	
Bartholomew MM	$889.57	
Fidelity	$1,002.99	
Eastern Bank	$96.12	
Middlesex MM	$150.78	
Unibank MM	$2,072.91	
Century Bank & Trust	$165.13	
Rockland Trust	$476.74	
		$5,784 23
TERM INVESTMENTS		
Bartholemew	$1,693.40	
Middlesex	$164.35	
Rockland Trust	$181.31	
Dean Bank	$0.00	
		$2,039 06
STABILIZATION		
Bartholemew	$11,773.47	
Bartholemew - Town	$633.21	
		$12,406.68
TRUST FUNDS		
Unibank	$3 87	
Bartholemew	$763 60	
		$767.47
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		$24,507.54

Stephanie A. L'Etalien
Treasurer/Town Collector

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Fiscal Year 2015

Long Term Debt	Outstanding	+ New Debt	- Retirements	= Outstanding	Interest
Buildings-Fire station	$1,000,000	$0	$125,000	$875,000	$39,969
Departmental Equip.	$280,000	$0	$60,000	$220,000	$12,020
School Buildings	$4,908,000	$4,041,467	$4,736,000	$4,213,467	$213,201
Water	$5,223,713	$0	$304,814	$5,018,898	$136,712
Sewer	$1,744,000	$323,533	$491,000	$1,576,533	$72,568
Other Inside-Sturm Water	$243,684	$0	$18,148	$225,536	$5,044
Total Long Term Debt	$13,499,397	$4,365,000	$5,734,962	$12,129,434	$479,514

Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2014	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30,2015	Interest Paid in FY15
BANs Bond Anticipation Notes		$0		$0	
Buildings Town Hall		$0		$0	
Memorial School Roof	$297,064	$0	$297,064	$0	$840
Sewer- WWTP Project		$125,000		$125,000	
Water		$0		0	
Other BANs		$0		$0	
		$0		$0	
Total Short Term Debt	$297,064	$125,000	$297,064	$125,000	$840

Authorized and Unissued Debt

Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	Less New Issues, Retirments and/or Recissions	= Balance Unissued 01/00/00
Septic betterments	05/17/11	6	$200,000	$0	$200,000
Memorial School Roof	11/19/13	2	$566,681	$297,064	$269,617
Sewer- WWTP Project	12/1/14	11	$125,000	$125,000	$0
					$0
					$0
					$0
					$0
TOTAL Authorized and Unissued Debt					$469,617

Stephanie A L'Etalien
Treasurer/Town Collector

FY 15 Tree Warden Report

As Tree Warden I continue to monitor the trees in town and follow ISA standards for TRAQ. Tree Risk Assessment. Trees are prioritized according to risk factors and then scheduled for pruning or removal based on the assessment category they fall into.

A tree seedling distribution to Town residents is held annually. This program is part of the National Arbor Day celebration but does not always fall on Arbor Day.

I continue to hold a Maple Tree tapping program for residents each year. This usually takes place in March but scheduling is subject to weather.

I continue to replace trees that have been removed entirely or lost due to disease or inclement weather.

Trees that are newly planted range from ornamental flowering trees to native trees of Massachusetts.

In the past year there has been three major storms with significant winds that has been responsible for knocking down trees and severely damaging others.

The combined team effort between The Fire Department, Police Department, Highway Department and the Tree Warden proved to be essential in keeping the Town safe and the roads passable.

Sincerely submitted,
Walter Swift
Tree Warden

Annual Report of the Department of Veterans' Services – 2014-2015

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115 requires towns to maintain a Department of Veterans Services through which the municipality makes available to its residents the services of a Veterans' Service Officer (VSO). It is the job of the VSO to provide qualified veterans and their dependents access to federal, state and local benefits and services to which they are entitled.

Hopedale supports resident veterans through a variety of programs. Whether seeking assistance with employment, housing or education the State and the Town are there to serve the men and women who protect our freedoms. For qualified veterans, cash benefits, food and medical assistance, tax exemptions and mental health counseling are other ways the state provides for those who serve our country. The Town pays the benefit and is then reimbursed at the rate of 75% from the state.

This office would like to thank Mr. Robin Fletcher who recently retired as the VSO for Hopedale for his tireless work on behalf of local veterans and their families.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick D. Morris
Hopedale Veterans' Service Officer

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Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners

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TOWN OF HOPEDALE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS
ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2015

Dear Residents,

As we can all recall, this past winter was brutal, keeping our departments extremely busy. With a record breaking snowfall of 108.6 inches and temperatures constantly below freezing, it was difficult to keep up with plowing, repairs due to leaks, frozen water lines, as well as our time consuming day-to-day operations. Two major repairs were main breaks on Dutcher Street and on Thayer Street. There were also 8 service line leaks in need of repair as well as 5 frozen lines that needed to be thawed. After the snow melted we obtained the services of a leak detection company to survey our distribution system. Additional leaks were located and repaired. During the spring and early summer months several improvements to our distribution system were made which included replacing water mains and upgrading water meters all while continuing our preventative maintenance schedule. However, most of our focus was on one our major water sources, the Mill Street well field located behind the golf course. In an effort to increase withdrawal to meet demand, the department surged and cleaned all 36 plus wells increasing each well's yield, ran new main to our 2 new wells also increasing intake potentials. Due to the fact that these two new wells were located so close to the edge of town property, Rosenfeld Concrete donated a portion of their land thus meeting our zone 1 requirements. In further attempts to increase yield we had our pumps rebuilt and continue to work with engineers to get the best results. A major improvement both departments worked on was the GIS mapping of both systems. With this improvement, both departments will now know specific coordinates, location, size, type, etc. of our fixtures.

The Sewer department also kept very busy with day to day operations, but also had some major projects going on as well. With major hurdles to overcome due to a new discharge permit received by the EPA, the department had its engineers evaluate the Waste Water Plant in an effort to determine what upgrades, if any, were needed. Their findings confirmed that the current plant did not have

the ability to meet the stringent water quality limits required under the new permit. To meet the requirements their evaluation consisted of 14.5 million dollars of needed upgrades. After considerable discussions and review of the plant evaluation, the board recommended four major projects that would best help comply with the new permit. These projects total 6.6 million which was approved and funded at the June 2015 Town meeting. Design of these upgrades and funding applications have begun and we hope to begin construction in the fall of 2016.

For the Water & Sewer Departments
And respectfully submitted on behalf of
The Water & Sewer Commission

Timothy J Watson, Manager
Town of Hopedale
Water & Sewer Departments

Calendar Yr. Payroll 2014

Senior Program	BARTOLOMEO	ROBERT	750.00
	COE	SHIRLEY	432.00
	CURLEY	PATRICIA	750.00
	HILL	JEAN	750.00
	HUGHES	CLAUDETTE	750.00
	KOZAK	JOHN	750.00
	MALLOY	DANIEL	750.00
	MCMULLEN	JOAN	750.00
	OLIVERI	CARLA	750.00
	OLSON	LORRAINE	750.00
	PENDLETON	KAREN	750.00
	SEARS	FRED	750.00
	SPIVACK	ROBERTA	800.00
Elected & Appointed	ALBERTO	LISA M	1,462.50
	ADAMS	CRAIG	570.96
	ALEXANDER	NICHOLAS	450.00
	ARCUDI	LOUIS	562.50
	BURKE	CHRISTINE H	630.00
	CALABRESE-DEMARINIS	VANESSA	440.00
	CAMPBELL JR	WILLIAM	630.00
	COMASTRA	DONALD	451.50
	CORREA	MATTHEW	440.00
	FARRAR JR	JOHN E	630.00
	GALLAGHER	STEVEN	1,260.00
	HAMPSCH	MARY	1,064.52
	HOLLAND	EDWARD	1,615.76
	HOLLAND JR.	EDWARD A.	270.00
	HOPKINS	KARLA	528.00
	HOWES	DONALD	792.78
	IACOVELLI	DANIEL	836.16
	IACOVELLI	MICHAEL	315.00
	KEYES	BRIAN	630.00
	LOVEWELL	GEORGE	630.00
	MCELROY	MARGARET	580.00
	MITCHELL	PETER B	180.96
	MORIN	JAMES	662.89
	OLDFIELD III	FREDERICK	540.00
	POOL	GRACE	1,185.48
	POTTY	ELI	720.00
	ROPER	WILLIAM	440.00
	SMALL	EDWARD	405.00
	STRAPPONI	COLLEEN	451.50
	SWIFT	WALTER R	1,214.04

	TETREAULT	SANDRA	440.00
	VALORIE	TERESA	1,200.00
	WRIGHT	KATHERINE	450.00
Town Moderator	LARKIN	FRANCIS J	200.00
Board of Selectmen	BIAGETTI	SANDRA	3,360.00
	BURNS	ROBERT	2,712.11
Management	BROUWER	SUSAN	43,405.16
	SETTE	STEVEN	80,480.71
Accounting	PEDROLI	LISA	32,105.94
Assessors	GONSALVES	TERESA	61,390.72
Treasurer/Collector	L'ETALIEN	STEPHANIE	57,577.56
	LAMPHERE	DONNA	42,748.06
	SAMPSON	PATRICIA	42,552.68
Registrars	ALVES	ELLEN	114.00
	AMES	FLORENCE	922.00
	ANDREOTTI	JOANNE	900.00
	BENTLEY	DOROTHY	150.00
	DEPAOLO	GLORIA	172.00
	DEPAOLO	JOHN	172.00
	DELETTI	ESTHER	382.50
	FINIGAN	MARIE CLAIRE	922.00
	GRADY	MARY	272.00
	HOLLAND	ELAINE	172.00
	MURPHY	ELLEN	291.00
	PARDEE	BRIDGET	188.00
	TAGLIANETTI-CHAMBERS	TARA	365.00
	YANOVITCH	JOSEPHINE	500.00
Call Firefighters	ALDEN-BURNS	CRAIG	5,006.27
	BALLOU	PETER	35,958.73
	BRODT	MICHAEL	2,991.15
	CANTILLON	JONATHAN	3,951.77
	CURLEY	PATRICK	2,771.47
	FITZGERALD	DAVID	3,731.04
	KRAUSS	WILLIAM	6,575.45
	MACDONALD	THOMAS	2,750.99
	MARCOTTE	MARK	1,855.37
	MINICHIELLO, JR.	ROBERT	5,409.86
	MOFFI	PAUL	3,949.07
	MORREALE	SHAWN	2,447.48
	PIGHETTI	DAVID	2,069.24
	PITTMAN	NICHOLAS	34.96
	SHANE	JACOB	4,704.19
	TARANTO	JARROD	2,653.29
Police	BACH	GREGORY	64,154.91

	CONLON	JOSEPH	82,470.12
	DOYON JR.	ROBERT	74,655.88
	GAGNON	JOHN P	80,806.09
	GIOVANELLA	MARK A	113,621.41
	LANDRY	CRAIG	62,639.41
	LIMA	RICARDO	96,192.02
	LIMA	MARCO	92,748.30
	MAHAN	STEVEN	80,817.33
	MARTIN SR	DONALD J	104,352.25
	MINICHIELLI	WAYNE J	63,536.23
	PALMER	GREGORY	58,221.69
Dispatchers	AYER	AMANDA	1,536.00
	COLLINS	LISA M	58,277.26
	FEEN	KEVIN	44,114.25
	GLEASON	PAULA	1,768.00
	LAPIERRE	JACQUELINE	640.00
	MESSIER	SCOTT	49,071.01
	RADDI	GARY	208.00
	SMITH	JERRY	320.00
	TEBEAU	JOHN	48,676.42
Fire	BARRY	PAUL	20,148.48
	BENNETT	RICHARD	43,081.75
	DAIGE	THOMAS M JR	88,792.92
	FOSBURGH, JR.	LESLIE	61,977.36
	GLEASON JR	RICHARD J	101,754.14
	KELLEY	BRIAN	94,697.28
	MCMORROW	DAVID J	88,149.41
Police- Reserves	D'ANGELO	MARGARET	312.60
	FALVEY	DAVID	1,487.00
	HESTER	CHARLES E	1,317.00
	HOUDE	JOSEPH	684.72
	KEHOE	MICHAEL D	352.00
	PORTER	RYAN	1,705.92
	RIZOLI	MARK	1,192.40
	RIZOLI	PETER	727.00
	SOUSA, JR.	MARIO	5,020.84
	VARTERESIAN	JEFFREY	484.00
Ambulance	JENKINS	RYAN T.	80,035.94
Building Inspector	AICARDI	TIMOTHY	1,000.00
	SPERONI	ROBERT	23,502.00
Plumbing Inspector	FONTANA	JOHN	6,210.00
	ZACCHILLI	JOSEPH	30.00
Wiring Inspector	GUYETTE	SCOTT	360.00
	SCANZAROLI	JOSEPH	5,790.00

Highway	BIAGETTI	ROBERT	51,033.84
	DEPONTE	ROBERT S	81,465.67
	LAMBERT	GERALD	60,845.21
	NADEAU	CHRISTOPHER	62,055.98
	OZELLA III	VINCENT	50,514.98
Sewer	BROWN, JR.	MICHAEL R.	62,158.49
	WEBB	KENNETH	64,669.36
	WILSON	PAUL	30,917.50
Water/Sewer Clerk	HOLLAND	SANDRA	40,842.50
Water	ARTHUR	BRYAN	56,609.12
	BUTLER	DAVID	55,986.77
	SCHREIBER	JOHN T	68,979.51
	WATSON	TIMOTHY J	83,584.88
Board of Health	FILOSA	CHASE	1,932.00
	HICKEY	BERNARD	2,219.00
	IZZO	LEONARD A	47,930.28
	PELLEGRINO	ROBERT	2,415.00
	VENDETTI	LUCIO	2,275.00
COA	BETHEL	JENNIFER	2,526.00
	MOSHER	NANCY	16,172.60
	MULLEN	CAROLE K.	36,631.59
VA	FLETCHER	ROBIN	3,600.00
Library	FIELDS	SYLVIA	55,500.71
	HILL	CAMERON	1,276.80
	KRAIMER	ELAINE M	37,601.43
	MARTIN	MELISSA	2,084.75
	SARTORI	SARA	11,160.09
	SULLIVAN	WENDY H.	36,041.96
Parks	ESPANET	MARK	1,890.00
	GORMAN	BARRY	7,377.50
	JACKSON	ROBERT	225.00
	KINCAID	EMILY	1,332.00
	NIZIAK	CHASE	1,824.00
	NORRIS	CAMILLE	1,876.25
	RIZZO	KATELYN	1,472.50
	SESONA	MARK G	197.40
	SPARKS	MADELINE	1,600.00
Terms	ARCUDI	LOUIS	271.74
	BURGEY	ALAN	35,346.24
	CATANZARITI	LINDA	55,071.23
	DEMEO	VINCENT	18,941.00
	DRAPER	MARY	3,267.00
	GRIFFITH	MARK	1,878.85
	JACARUSO	JANET O	44,841.22

	LAVACHE	R. CHRISTIAN	16,129.75
	LEFRANCIS	ARTHUR	3,702.84
	MACRAE	RACHEL	1,614.00
	PHIPPS	CHARLES	176.49
	REBELLO	JOSEPH	14,401.73
	SHORROCK	SAMANTHA	2,378.55
	VIVEIROS	DANIEL	79,774.73
	WHYTE	CAROL	39,622.57
Admin. School	BREEN	DENNIS	148,454.01
	CAMPBELL	NANCY	41,229.76
	CAMPOPIANO	MARK	3,156.00
	DAVIS	MARY LYNNE	57,081.54
	MCGUANE	JEANNE E.	52,272.46
	MELLO	NATHANIEL	42,449.64
	SMITH	PAMELA	95,203.50
	TOUPIN	NICHOLAS	63,163.50
	WASNEWSKI	ANDREA M	40,028.07
Bus Drivers	CAMPBELL	SAMUEL	16,202.70
	CARPENTER	NANCY	21,631.15
	KARAKEIAN	MARK	16,673.35
	LANE	DEBRA	13,439.22
	LEE	HEATHER	21,090.09
	MACKINNON	JANE	3,222.00
	MACCHI	STEVEN	5,256.00
	MULLANEY	MICHAEL	26,003.74
	PETERS	KAREN	33,878.12
Subs	ABBONDANZA	EMILY	2,643.90
	ABBRUZZESE	KERRI-LYN	1,755.00
	BLASIE	JOSEPH	780.00
	BOOKSTON	JOHN	375.00
	BOWEN	DOREEN E	262.50
	BRESCIA	AMY	481.25
	BURT	LINDSEY	130.00
	CAMPBELL	CHRISTINE	50.00
	CASTIGLIONI	KEVIN	200.00
	CHINAPPI	ANTHONY	75.00
	COLLIGAN	KATHLEEN	450.00
	COSTANZA	TARA M.	9,263.94
	CROWELL	ANNE	2,325.00
	CURLEY	SALLY	525.00
	DIMAIO	CHRISTINA	125.00
	DINAPOLI	LISA	475.00
	DOW	ELIZABETH	520.00
	DRUGAN	JOSEPH P	12,018.90

DUBOWIK	LISA	125.00
DYKHOFF	SUSAN	4,295.00
EREMCHUK	JANET	75.00
FARRELL	RYAN	75.00
FIELDER	JANICE	5,275.00
FIGGINS	NANCY	2,956.25
FISCHER	DEREK	75.00
FLUMERE	ELISABETH	900.00
FONTANA	SUSAN	450.00
FRANCIOSA	MARIA	225.00
FRAPPIER	SAMANTHA	112.50
GILLIATT	MARISA	75.00
HALL	CAROL	4,137.50
HEVEY	SHEILA	7,422.50
JARVIS	HAROLD	4,275.00
KAPATOES	LAUREN	520.00
LAPLANTE	KELLY	2,643.90
LEE	BELINDA	65.00
LEMON	SANDRA	1,575.00
LIBERMAN	REBECCA	4,200.00
LOCKWOOD	ANNMARIE	1,335.00
MAGLITTA	NAOKO	460.00
MAHONEY	PATRICK	75.00
MARCELLO	JENNA	75.00
MARTELL	CAROLINE	275.00
MCCALLUM	JAMES	3,675.00
MCCARTHY	KERI	2,625.00
MCGRATH	DONNA	5,281.25
MENDALA-THOMPSON	RUTH	1,575.00
MOORADIAN	MARILYN	1,518.75
MORIN	ERIN	75.00
MOXIM	LONA	1,000.00
MOXIM	ERIC	3,675.00
MULREADY	MARIKATHRYN	970.00
MULRY	RYAN	225.00
OXHOLM	CHRISTOPHER	237.50
PLOUFFE	MEGAN	175.00
QUAZI	AHADUL	75.00
RAPP	PAMELA F	5,351.04
SALVATORE	LISA	2,470.00
SULLIVAN	DONNA	250.00
SUNKENBERG	JAMES	50.00
SZEMETHY	JOAN	2,012.50
TANDY	ANTHONY	300.00

	TONKONOGY	JULIE	29,996.07
	WALDO	CHRISTINA	130.00
	WATSON	MARY	390.00
	WOLLENSAK	ANDREW	630.00
BBC - School	APICELLA	SUSAN	64,469.97
	ATKINSON	MARIE	32,645.49
	DIETRICH	PAMELA	150.00
	ESPANET	KATHLEEN	14,010.72
	FITZGERALD	JOHANNA	22,132.27
	GOSSELIN	MARTHA	12,078.27
	HERZOG	JENNIFER	75.00
	JONES	ALEXANDRA	250.00
	KAPATOES	MELINDA	7,020.05
	KRACINOVICH	STACEY	4,459.20
	MESSIER	LAURA	16,158.00
	MOSSMAN	CHERYL	27,013.47
	MULREADY	SUSAN A	83,388.90
	PELLETIER	JILL	13,371.81
	SMITH	SUZANNE	70,431.30
	SMITH	SUSAN	11,110.57
	SPATES	LINDA M.	17,926.20
	SPINDOLA	AMANDA	65,885.32
	SPINELLI	NICOLE	250.00
	SPINELLI	ANGELA	5,294.03
	WOOD	HAYDEN	12,841.33
	WOOD	DEBORAH	21,509.53
Memorial-School	ALDRICH	ELSIE	77,414.42
	ANDOLINA	LINDA	24,153.12
	ARSENAULT	SUSAN	24,964.00
	ATCHUE	KATHRYN	75,248.88
	AUTENZIO	NATALIE	455.00
	AW	MICHAEL	78,138.67
	BAILLARGEON	FREDERICKE L	44,191.02
	BALLAN	TERESA	13,857.08
	BAZINET	STEPHANIE	44,350.12
	BERTONAZZI	LISA	61,136.57
	BLANCHARD	MARY	24,738.60
	BLASIE	DONNA	22,922.12
	BLOOD	JODY	67,709.77
	BOURGERY	DANIEL	69,044.32
	BRESCIANI	KATIE	2,988.00
	CARBONI	JANET	72,752.46
	CARLSON	JUDITH	67,835.22
	CASEY	KRISTEN	46,259.46

CASTIGLIONI	MARIA	65,595.16
CONSIGLI	MARISA	65,697.95
CORMIER	CHERYL	78,987.68
DIEMONT	DEBORA	73,746.64
DIONNE	JACQUELYN	14,435.76
DUNN	SUZANNE G W	82,346.73
FAVREAU	LESLIE	14,111.08
FOX	BETH BARBARA	71,194.32
FUMIA	JENNIFER	5,750.00
GLENN	SALLY ANN	16,662.44
HANSON	LISA	68,029.17
HARNEY	MICHELLE	14,211.19
HEDTLER	AMY	76,721.17
KAPATOES	HEATHER	14,630.58
KASWANDIK	HEATHER	487.50
KEANEY	SHANNON	17,483.43
KELLEY	ANDREA	45,104.21
KLING	REASHA	35,321.56
LABRODE	SARAH	47,113.60
LABOSSIERE	CLAIRE	17,216.30
LATHROP	SHANNA	17,033.46
LAWRENCE	ABBE	23,590.80
LECLAIRE	JANE M	84,066.97
LEPORATI	COLLEEN	15,669.54
LEVASSEUR	JENNIFER J	22,293.77
LEVINSOHN	JOAN ROSE	80,391.78
LOUCKS	JENNIFER	76,233.24
LYALL	ANNA MARIE	16,068.68
MACDONALD	CHERYL	74,742.25
MACMANNIS	MEAGHAN	18,866.64
MANGANO	BARBARA	22,529.34
MANNING	LAURA	21,259.72
MANOLI	CLAUDIA	23,324.76
MARTIN	KERRI L.	16,605.70
MARTIN	REBECCA	70,205.81
MARTIN-FENG	MINDY	77,961.67
MAYO	SHARON	19,302.69
MCCRUM	KELLY	3,144.64
MCGEE	TAMMY	61,703.26
MCINTYRE	KELLI	45,263.31
MCPHERSON-TODD	KELLY	79,196.08
MELLO	REGAN	42,102.15
MILLER	SUSAN	16,831.77
MILLER	BRIAN	96,912.95

	MURPHY	DANA	25,606.20
	PAGE	JANET R	78,696.43
	PEARL	LORI	17,359.97
	PIGEON	LISA MARIE	33,717.86
	POMEROY	AMANDA	75,753.92
	POSCH	KAELA	47,190.60
	ROLO	ANN M	83,068.38
	ROMASCO	ALEXA	77,314.84
	ROMIZA	LORI	1,211.00
	ROSSI	FRANCES	68,500.81
	SHAUGHNESSY NOYES	DAMIAN	45,104.21
	SILVA	RACHEL	23,410.67
	SMITH	JANEEN	18,682.15
	ST. SAUVEUR	LORI	21,664.80
	STACKPOLE	KAREN	75,329.79
	SUMMERS	MARY-JANE	6,468.75
	SWANSON	CATHERINE	22,144.54
	SZARKA -RUBIO	MARIA	14,860.92
	TAMMARO	PAULA	16,013.80
	TUITE	JULIE	2,060.00
	TUITE	LINDA	37,889.74
	VERDOLINO	NANCY KELLY	81,818.38
	WALKER	JACQUELINE A	83,068.38
	WATERS	AMY	49,245.09
Daycare - School	ADAMS	MADISON	3,362.00
	DAIGE	KAREN	46,218.45
	DAIGE	NICHOLAS	7,744.74
	DOOLEY	PATRICIA	3,700.47
	ELSEMILLER	PAIGE	3,965.00
	GRILLO-MANNA	CHARLOTTE	5,068.74
	KEANEY	COLLIN	2,358.75
	LEPORATI	BRIANNA	650.25
	MANNA	ALEXANDRA	3,910.50
	MARTIN	MOLLY	16,577.02
	NEILAN	SANDRA	4,377.17
	NOLAN	DONNA	7,425.03
	O'DOWD	ALANNA	4,048.87
	RAINVILLE	LEAH	2,721.00
	ROSSI	NINA	3,274.31
	TONKONOGY	MICHELLE	2,808.00
	VANDERHOOF	PAUL	3,903.42
	WEAVER	LINDSAY	3,696.25
	WHEET	EMILY	331.49
	WYSPIANSKI	JENNA	770.10

Custodians	ALLAIN	ANDREW	240.00
	ANDOLINA	MARK	210.00
	ANGEL	BRIAN	250.00
	BRESCIANI	KEVIN	1,989.00
	CORMIER JR.	THOMAS	60.00
	GILBERTSON JR	ROBERT E	40,284.17
	GROSS	MARK	20,212.20
	HAMMANN	THOMAS	43,697.02
	LYNCH	KEVIN	1,921.00
	MANTONI	DANIEL	2,805.00
	MURPHY	BRENNAN	210.00
	OOSTERMAN	TYLER	30.00
	PLICHTA	JOSEPH	32,523.70
	SUTTON, SR.	WILLIAM	38,308.17
Jr./HS. - School	ALAGNA	JACLYN	47,907.21
	ALGER	KARLENE A	40,288.17
	ARCUDI	MARY	27,207.19
	ARDITO	CATHERINE	15,694.78
	ARMOUR	PATRICIA	70,149.38
	ATHERTON	DEREK	102,297.51
	BEAUDRY	ANTHONY	81,841.75
	BERTRAND	DAVID	59,771.57
	BROOKE-SAHAGIAN	JANICE	76,721.17
	BROSSI	KIMBERLY	44,714.12
	BROWN	CAMERON	78,879.79
	BUCKLEY	JYLL	15,234.17
	CHASE	LAUREN	16,407.45
	CHATHAM	CHRISTOPHER	62,852.51
	CHEN	SARA	43,780.92
	COLE	CYNTHIA	78,696.43
	COLUMBO	GENEVIEVE	53,679.08
	CONNORS	KATHERINE	50,257.60
	CORDANI	ANTHONY	80,851.20
	CRESCENZI	JOSHUA	64,377.01
	DAFONTE	MARIA G	89,271.80
	DIANTONIO	JILL	67,994.32
	DONAHER	REBECCA	15,145.20
	EMUS	MICHAEL	47,907.21
	ENGLUND	ANN D	41,908.33
	FISCHER	THOMAS	88,415.52
	GOSS	DEBORAH	35,242.37
	GUADAGNOLI	SHERRI	76,689.35
	GUERTIN	PATRICIA	25,479.38
	INGEMI	LAURA	46,847.79

	JOHNSON	TIMOTHY	83,829.92
	JOHNSON	MARK	9,300.30
	JOHNSON	NANCY A	86,624.28
	KELLY	CAITLIN	55,289.95
	KIESMAN	BRIAN	33,374.06
	KLEI	SHERYL	15,535.09
	LABOSSIERE	GREGORY	59,543.33
	LABRODE	ANN	83,323.71
	LADIEU	JESSICA	85,983.44
	LAPINSKY	LISA	14,423.32
	LAUMEISTER	DENISE T	27,735.84
	LISKA	SARAH	71,090.92
	LOPES	ELIZABETH F	79,094.72
	LUCHINI	DIANE	33,927.11
	MACQUARRIE	MICHAEL	5,287.80
	MACHADO	NELSON	35,337.80
	MAGUIRE	TIMOTHY	64,966.58
	MAININI	ANDREW	48,937.55
	MANCONE	JOHN	49,792.17
	MARCOTTE	VALERIE	57,990.90
	MAYOTTE	LINDSAY	63,470.47
	MCGRATH	JEANNE	13,046.72
	MENDES	CHRISTINE	17,833.67
	MULRONEY	MARY M	84,363.38
	MULVANEY	SHARYN	76,525.02
	OLIVERI	TALITHA	76,754.71
	RASPALLO	KATHERINE	74,853.94
	SANTOSUOSSO	JENNIFER	53,619.33
	SHAH	KATHRYN	66,317.78
	SNADDON GRIFFIN	HEATHER	83,719.96
	ST. MARTIN	JILL	67,103.50
	STEVENS	KATHRYN A	15,211.35
	URMSTON	MARIE	76,605.27
	WEBB	JENNIFER	18,838.35
	WELCH	LAURA	43,779.46
	WERSTED	ALEXANDER	15,102.60
	WLAZLAK	AGNIESZKA	48,915.32
Café	BOBER	CHERYL	30,300.04
	BUCKLEY	KRISTINA	6,925.94
	FONSECA	LAURA	25,531.12
	GORBEY	DANIELLE	3,030.22
	KEARSLEY	NICOLE	620.13
	KENNY	ELLEN	27,785.64
	MACDONALD	RAYANN	2,547.15

	MARTINO	JANICE	8,586.20
	MOREIRA BEAUPRE	ANA	266.00
	SAVARIA	LOUISA	8,419.17
	STARE	JOSEPHINE	15,043.17
Coaches	BEYER	JAMES	3,675.00
	EVANS	ROBERT	9,855.30
	PIZZARELLI	TIMOTHY	2,643.90
	WERSTED	AMY	3,675.00
Termed	BETSCHART	ANNE MARIE	26,350.13
	BROSSI	DIANA	23,024.77
	BUCKLEY	MICHAEL	65,644.37
	CANDINI	MARIAN E	83,916.09
	COLLETTE	COLEEN	54,125.70
	COUSINEAU	KRIS-ELLEN	126.00
	CURTIS	JEAN	14,743.98
	D'AMICO	SANDRA	81,294.52
	D'URSO	THOMAS R	82,652.14
	DECARLO JR.	THOMAS A.	1,227.16
	DEJORDY	HEATHER	49,658.75
	DEARY	HEATHER	8,778.33
	DENNISON	LAURA	10,723.43
	DINEEN	JOANNE	2,310.00
	EDWARDS	JAMES	900.00
	EPPLEY	AMANDA	35,390.96
	GELINAS	COURTNEY	7,227.86
	GELINEAU	KATIE	20,284.36
	GILCHRIST	KELLY	24,792.33
	HARWICK-FOLEY	KATHRYN	6,635.00
	HEAD	BERNARD F., JR	571.65
	HENDON	WENDY	1,554.48
	HUDSON	DIANE	525.00
	LAMBERT	EMILY	737.50
	LAMBERT	SARAH	50.00
	LAMBERT	KRISTINA	15,304.48
	LAUMEISTER	NOELLE	7,774.55
	MAHONEY	LAURIE	6,501.43
	MANK	TRACEY	564.40
	MIKULSKI	NICOLE	51,305.43
	MORSE	STEVEN	21,397.65
	MOTYKA	LISA	16,918.62
	NOBLE	JULIE	2,870.00
	PIGEON	SYDNEY	4,112.46
	RZASA	ADRIENNE	45,167.85
	SACCO	MARGARET	1,233.39

SCHLUPF	CHRISTINA	13,290.48
SCHLUPF	DEMIAH	603.75
SKORUPA	CANDACE C	32,020.16
ST. GERMAIN	KELLI	181.25
TAFT	SANDRA	4,218.20
WODIN	LAURIE S	71,888.38